

Pension Application for John Vanderbilt

W.16803 (Former Widow: Mary Acker) This woman pensioned on account of service of last husband; see Jacob Acker N.Y. W.2046 John died in 1783.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this sixth day of January, 1841, personally appeared before one of the Judges of the Marine Court, in and for the said City and County, Mary Acker, a resident of the eighth Ward, in said City aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to John Vanderbilt who was a private and served as follows.

That on the first of July 1776 the said John Vanderbilt enlisted at Clarkstown for five months in a company commanded by Capt John Blauvelt in Col'n Draks [Drake's] Regiment, Genl Scotts Brigade and after said enlistment went with the said company to New York, thence to Long Island and there remained until after the battle was fought, then retreated with Genl Washington's army to New York, thence to Harlem, thence to White Plains, thence to Peekskill and there remained until the term of enlistment was expired then crossed the Hudson River and was discharged at Haverstraw.

That in the following Spring in the month of April, she and the said John Vanderbilt was married and after their marriage they resided within the beat of Capt Tenures Company, in Col'n A. Hawks Hay's Regiment in which her husband did serve in weekly and two weekly tours from the time of their marriage until in the following winter, a guarding along the Hudson river and on scouts to different places.

That in the spring of the year 1778, her husband removed within the beat of Capt Aury Smiths company in said regiment and served therein at different times from the spring of the year 1778 to near the close of the Revolutionary was in tours of one and two weeks, either on guard or on scouts, but to state the length of each tour, the time of the commencement or ending of either, or the amount of the time putting all his services under Capt. Ternure and Smith together, she is unable correctly to say, but feels confident that his services under Captain Ternure in the year 1777 being put together would at least amount to two months.

That the accompanying affidavit of John Hutton and Abraham Van Houten, and the certificate of the Deputy Comptroller is all the positive proof she is onto able to offer and that proof has but lately been discovered by here, as the being old did not know were [where] to find proof of her said husbands services.

She further declares that she was married to a the said John Vanderbilt by the Rev'd Samuel Verbryck on the third day of April seventeen hundred and seventy seven, she well recollects the day and the month and knows it was the next spring after the battle was fought on Long Island and Washington's retreat from thence to New Jersey. That her husband the aforesaid John Vanderbilt died in the 1783.

She well recollects it was a little time before the British evacuated the City of New York; that she was afterwards married to Jacob Acker who on the Eighteenth day of Dec 1835 and that she was a widow on the fourth of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. And that of her marriage with John Vanderbilt, and the time of his death she has no record nor does she know of any. (Signed with her mark) Mary Acker

Sworn to subscribed on the day and year above written before me, Judah Hammond, Justice of the Marine Court.