

Pension Application for Cornelius VanDeusen, VanDeuzen or Van Dewzen

W.1776 (Rachel Salisbury, Former Widow) Cornelius died October 8, 1787.

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the third Section of the act of 4th July 1836 and of the first section of the act of third of March 1837.

State of New York

Greene County SS

On this fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before me Sylvester Nichols one of the Judges of the county Courts in and for the County of Greene aforesaid Rachel Salisbury a resident of the town of Catskill County of Greene & State of New York aforesaid 81 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 July 4th 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March the third 1837.

That she was married to Cornelius Vanduesen who at the commencement of the Revolutionary War resided in the town of Claverack, then Albany now the county of Columbia—that according to the best of her recollection the said Cornelius Vanduesen was the orderly Sergeant of a Militia Company of which Casperus Conyn was captain & John Osterhoudt & James Eltinge Lieutenant in said town of Claverack in a Regiment commanded by Col. Robert VanRenselaer. [VanRensselaer]

That owing to the great length of time extreme old old [sic] age and the consequent loss of memory it is impossible to give all the particulars of the Services the said Cornelius Vanduesen performed during the revolutionary war.

She declares that according to the best of her recollection that the first service the said Cornelius Vanduesen was engaged in was early in the spring of 1776 when the whole Regiment of Colonel VanRenselaer was ordered up the Mohawk River to a place called Johnstown to protect the inhabitants and to repel an expected invasion from the Canadas and also to guard the Military Stores there and in the vicinity of Lake George—and in this campaign she believes they were absent from home about half a month.

The next he served in a detachment from the same regiment under the command of Captain Conyn up the Hudson River for about a month.

The remainder of the season of 1776 she believes he was out in the same company as orderly Sergeant and was stationed at different places in his own and adjoining neighborhood and on the Hudson River sometimes for a short period and sometimes for a month at each time untill the close of the same year of 1776 and in consideration of the short intervals he remained at home that season she believes his services would all about six or seven months as an orderly Sergeant.

She further declares that early in the spring or Summer of 1777 the said Cornelius Vanduesen was drafted or volunteered in the same company for four or five months out of Col. VanRenselaers Regiment and was first stationed at Fort Edward under the command of General Schuyler and remained there untill the American Army retreated before the enemy to Fort Miller and from thence to Saratoga and from thence

to Stillwater and remained there and its vicinity until the surrender of General Burgoin's army and returned home late in the fall of said year of 1777 during which time she believes he was at home to assist his father's family in gathering their harvest and that his services in the same year including scouting parties and guarding the Military Stores in his own and neighboring districts would in all amount to six or seven months as orderly Sergeant.

She further declares that the next winter or early in the spring of 1778 Captain Conyn resigned and John Osterhoudt was appointed Captain and the said Cornelius Vanduesen was appointed Ensign in which situation he remained to the end of the war.

That during said year of 1778 the said Cornelius performed a variety of Services. Sometimes he was called out with the whole Regiment on an alarm for a few days up the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers—Sometimes he was called out with a Single Company for a month or more and was stationed either up the Hudson or Mohawk Rivers at the Fort in those neighborhoods and other times with the whole or part of the company he was scouting in his own or neighboring Counties or guarding the Military Stores in those places and owing to the short intervals he was at home the said year of 1778 she verily believes his services as Ensign would amount in all to Six or Seven months.

She further declares that the next year to with the year 1779 the Service the said Cornelius Vanduesen performed was similar to that of 1778. She believes that the whole Regiment was ordered out for a short period up the Mohawk River and that together with his services in his own neighborhood as a guard to the military Stores & inhabitants—with a part or whole of the company to which he belonged would in all amount to three or four months as Ensign.

She further declares that in the Summer of 1780 the said Cornelius Vanduesen with a detachment of Colonel VanRenselaers Regiment in the same Company was ordered up the Mohawk River at two or three different periods this together with his other services performed elsewhere the same year would in all amount to four or five months as an Ensign.

She further declares that in the years 1781 and '82 the Services the said Cornelius Vanduesen performed were similar to that of the two preceding years—that of 1781 he was part of the time up the Mohawk River and was in the neighborhood of the battles and skirmishes that took place between the American army and British and Indians under the command of the famous Brant and Butler and that the services in those two last would in all amount to four or five months as an Ensign as she now believes.

She further declares that in the foregoing Statement of the Services of her husband the said Cornelius Vanduesen she may be incorrect as to dates and particulars yet she believes that he served not less than the periods above stated viz as the orderly Sergeant of Casper Conyn's Company at least 12 or 14 months and in the capacity of Ensign in the same Company under the Captain John Osterhoudt at least sixteen or eighteen months—that the reason of her knowledge of the services of her husband before her marriage is that her father, James Eltinge was Lieutenant in the

same company from the beginning to the end of the war and was engaged as such in most of the campaign with her husband the said Cornelius Vanduesen deceased, and that her father the said James Eltinge died Several years since.

She further declares that she was married to Cornelius Vanduesen the fourth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven. That the ceremony was performed by the Reverend John Schuneman Clergyman of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in Catskill.

That her maiden name previous to her marriage was Rachel Eltinge & that her husband the aforesaid Cornelius Vanduesen died the eighth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

That she was afterwards married to Abraham Salisbury who died the Sixteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four and that she was a widow on the fourth of July 1836, as will more fully appear by reference [reference] to the proof hereto annexed and that she still remains a widow.

She further declares that she was born in the (then County of Albany) now Columbia sand that she continued to reside there untill her marriage with her last husband the said Abraham Salisbury deceased and that she has ever since resided in the town of Catskill County of Green the present place of her residence that she has no documentary evidence nor does she know of any living witness to prove any of the foregoing statement except those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed. (Signed) Rachel Salisbury

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first above mentioned before me, and I do further certify that from bodily infirmity said applicant is unable to attend Court. S. Nichols, a Judge of County Courts of the County of Greene