

Pension Application for Peter VanDyke

W.16769 (Widow: Alida) Peter died in 1795.

State of New York SS.

On this fourth day of March 1837, personally appeared before John Titus Esq one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada in said State Alida Van Dyck a resident of the Town of Rotterdam in the County of Schenectada and State of New York, aged seventy-four year, 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 4, 1836; that she is the widow of Peter VanDyke (or VanDyck) who was a Sergeant in the army of the Revolution, as set forth in the affidavits hereto annexed for and during the revolutionary war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter VAnDyke on the Seventh day of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight; tha her husband, the aforesaid Peter VanDyke, died after the year 1795 and that she remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me.
(Signed with her mark) Alida Van Dyke

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me. John Titus. Judge.

County of Schenectada SS

The before named Declarant Alida VanDyke, being further duly sworn and examined, doth depose and say, that her late husband, the before named Peter VanDyke, left the City of Schenectada, in the fall of the year 1795, that after he had thus left said city, she never heard of her said husband afterwards, but was shortly afterwards informed, and verily believes the same to be true that he had departed this life, and that neither she nor any of her friends, have been able to obtain the lease information since that time up to the present day respecting the precise time or place of his death. And she this Declarant further says, that her said husband Peter VanDyck aforesaid, several years before he left Schenectada, made an entry of her marriage with him, and of the time of the birth of their children, in their family bible, which entry of marriage and births is the identical one contained on the two leaves hereto subjoined, which she this Declarant has torn out of said family bible, that said entry or memorandum, contains the only record of her marriage and of the birth of her children of which she has any knowledge and that the same is true according to the best of her recollection & belief. (Signed with her mark) Alida VanDyke

Subscribed & Sworn this 4th day of March 1837, before me. John Titus Judge &c.

Memorandum

Peter T. VanDyck and Alida Barhyte was married the 7th of April 1778.

Children Born

Catharine 1st Novem'r 1779

John 7th Septem'r 1781

Elmer 2d? April 1784

Peter 22 Apri? 1785

Harry 16 [blot] 1787

Joseph 17 April 1789

Olafo 9 April 1790

Margaret 4 July 1794

Peter Van Dyke enrolled as a private on the 24th day of October 1776 in the first NY Regiment in the company of McCracken. Enlistment war for the war. He entered as a sergeant on the 4th Jany 1778, and mustered as a private at the end of said war. Arch'd Campbell Dep Secretary, State of New York.