

Pension Application for John Van Horn

W.16771 (Widow: Sarah)

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On this 22 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight thousand eight hundred and Eighteen before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Cayuga in said State, personally appears John Van Horn aged Sixty one years, resident in the town of Cato in the County of Cayuga and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War."

That the said John Van Horn enlisted in the town of Charleston in the County of Montgomery in the state of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Norton belonging to a Regiment commanded by Col. Wisenvelt some time in the month of August in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred seventy eight in the New York line during the war that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the said War when he was discharged from service at a place called Snake Hill County of orange state of New York that he was in the battles of Monmouth & York town and is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services. (Signed) John Vanhorn

Sworn to and declares before me, the day and year first aforesaid. John Grover, Judge of Cayuga Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated February 27, 1835. [I would suspect this is a typo and should say 1935.]

Reference is made to your request for the record of the Revolutionary War soldier, John Van Horn, W.16771.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.16771, based upon the military service of John Van Horn.

He was born October 5, 1756. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While living in Charleston, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted in August, 1778, as private in Captain Norton's company in Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment, was in the siege of Yorktown and served until the close of the Revolution. He stated that he was in the battle of Monmouth but the dates of this enlistment and names of officers were not given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1818, at which time he was living in Cato, Cayuga, County, New York, having moved there about 1815.

He died May 27, 1820, at Hannibal, Oswego County, New York.

This soldier married at Lebanon, New Jersey, December 15, 1774, Sarah who was born August 25, 1756, her maiden name not given.

She was allowed pension on her application executed June 5, 1837, at which time she was living in Sterling, Oswego County, New York.

Reference was made to two children of the soldier but the only name given was that of Jesse with whom the soldier was living when he died. Said Jesse was living in Sterling, New York, in 1837, aged sixty years.

In 1837 one Sophia Van Horn, widow of Henry Van Horn, was living in Lysander, Onondaga County, New York, aged sixty-six years, relationship not given.