

Pension Application for Nicholas Van Tassell

W.18182 (Widow: Mary) Nicholas died May 24, 1832.

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this eight day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally [personally] appeared before me the undersigned a Judge of Common Please [Pleas] Court of the county of orange and State aforesaid Mary VanTassell a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged ninety one years on the twentieth day of April last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Nicholas VanTassell formerly of the said County of Orange who was a private in the army of the revolution that some time in the month of July he volunteered into a company of volunteers for the term of Five months, the said company was commanded by Capt John Little and served in a regiment commanded by Col Nicholas that the said Company Rendesvouzed [Rendezvoused] at Goshen some time in the latter part of July in the said year and went from there to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River and from thence removed from Place to Place untill the expiration of the term of Five months when as she has been informed and believes her said husband was discharged at Peekskill on or about the first day of January 1777 that some time in the summer of 1777 her said husband was called out to Fort Montgomery in a Company commanded by Col Alison that amediately [immediately] after Fort Montgomery was taken a general alarm was made and the regiment of Col. Alkson was called out in mass and that her said husband redevouzed [rendezvoused] at Murdnrs Creek under Capt Little on the Hudson river from thence they followed the British up the river to Esopus they then returned to Murdnrs where she has been informed and believes they were discharged after a service of at least one month that in the latter part of the fall or beginning of the winter of the same year her said husband was called to [Pasamus?] under Capt Little and as she believes under Col Alison or Col Hathorn and that he served at least one month and that her said husband was called to serve by Class and Alarms on the western Frontiers of the County of Orange and Ulster against the Indians and Torrys [Tories] in the year 1778 and 1779 - 1780—1781 and 1782. So often she is not able to state the particular times except the following term of servise [service] wich [which] she well recollects that on the 19th day of July 1779 an alarm was made by the Indians on the western Frontiers of the County of Ulster and that the regiment of Col. Justin was called out in a body and her said husband served at least eight days apon [upon] that alarm in a company commanded by Capt Little that in the year 1781 acording [according] to the best of her recollection on the last of May or First of June her said husband was called to West Point and served one month but form old age and loss of memory she is unable to satte under who he served.

She further declares that she was married to her said husband the said Nicholas VanTassell on the twelfth day of October in the year of Seventeen Hundred

and sixty nine that her said husband died on the 24th day of May 1832 at his residence in the town of Minisink in the s'd county aforesaid and that her name previous to her marriage was Mary W. Litteker and that she has no documentary evidence of the Servise [Service] of her said husband and that she has no documentary evidence of her marriage now does she know of any records of marriages kept by the aforesaid Richards now nor was there at that time any Town or County records of Marriages kept and she further says that she has not since the death of her said husband Nicholas Vantassel Intermarried but still remains his widdow and [widow] that from old age she is unable to attend the Court of Record of Orange County.

Sworn and subscribed the day and yea first above mentioned before me by making her mark because she is unable to write. (Signed with her mark) Marry VanTassell Hulet Clark one of the Judges of Orange County Comm Pleas.