

Pension Application for Aaron (Aury or Aurie or Aurant or Arory) Van Vliet

W.17406 (Former Widow: Maria Norton)

B.L.Wt.8142-160-55

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by an act of Congress passed July 7th A.D. 1838, &c

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On the Fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight (A.D. 1848) personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Oneida and State aforesaid, aged eighty five years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by an Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "an act granted half pay and pensions to certain widows, and all acts supplementary thereto:--

That she is the widow of John Norton late of the Town of Clayton in the County of Jefferson in said State of New York, and in which Town he departed this life on the twenty fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

That she was married to her late husband the said John Norton, on the seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and four, in said town of Steuben in said County of Oneida.

That previous to her marriage to said John Norton, she was the widow of Aaron Van Vliet, who was usually called Aury Van Vliet, (Aury being the Low Dutch for Aaron) and to whom she was married on the 23rd day of October 1785, and who died in the month of July 1803.

That she makes this application on account of the Revolutionary services of her first husband the aforesaid Aaron or Aury van Vliet who was a soldier of the United States during the War of the American Revolution. That during said war he resided in Niskayuna some eight miles North West of Albany and in the County of Albany and said State of New York, from whence he entered the service and served in the militia of said County of Albany during the greater portion of said War.

That during a portion of said War, Declarant resided in the family of Benjamin Van Vliet who was the father of her husband said Aaron, and with whom said Aaron also resided. Declarant well remembers that while she was living in said family of said Benjamin Van Vliet, that said Aaron served on numerous occasions in said Militia under Captain Ostram who was an uncle of her husband said Aaron. He served also on different occasions under Major Wyncoop in said Militia. That near the close of said war, and as she believes in the last year thereof, or at least in the last year that solders some raised from that section of Country her husband said Aaron Van Vliet served for a period of nine months under Captain Tierce and Colonel Willet.

She well remembers when her husband said Aaron left home to serve on said nine months services, he left home very early in the Spring of the year, and served during the Summer and returned home again very late in the fall or the forepart of the winter following.

Declarant, owing to age and loss of memory cannot particularly describe the different terms of service rendered by her said husband during said war. But she well remembers that he was frequently called out to service, and that he rendered a vast amount of service in said Militia during said war. He served at Johnstown, Stone Arabia, and at the different posts along the Mohawk River. He was out on numerous scouts after the Indians and Tories which then ravaged that part of the County. That Henry Bulson and Derrick Groot lived neighbors to her said husband in Niskayuna aforesaid and served in company with her husband.

And Declarant further saith that she was married to her first husband the aforesaid Aaron Van Vliet on the twenty third day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, in Schenectady N.Y. by the Reverend Mr. Romeyn, a Reformed Dutch Clergyman who then lived in Schenectady aforesaid, and preached in the Dutch Church at that place.

That the following persons were present at her marriage to wit, Hannah, Martha and Benjamin van Vliet, Teunis Wells, Lana van Vliet and others. That previous to her marriage as aforesaid she resided in Niskayuna aforesaid and bore the maiden name of Maria Hall. That her first husband said Aaron van Vliet departed this life on or about the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and three, in the Town of Steuben and County of Oneida aforesaid. (Signed with her mark) Maria Norton

Subscribed and sworn in open court on the day and year first above written before me. Patrick Mahon, Clerk

Letter in folder dated July 7, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Boyse Prudden, and that of Aury Van Vliet, of New York State.

There is no claim for pension on file based upon service in the revolutionary War of a Boyse Prudden. The record has been found of only one claim for pension based upon service in the Revolutionary War of an Aury Van Vliet, that claim is on file under the name Aaron van Vliet, Aurie, Aury, etc., being the Dutch interpretation of the name Aaron. His record follows as shown in the papers in claims for bounty land and pension on file under W. 17406.

Aaron van Vliet was the son of Benjamin Van Vliet. Date and place of his birth and name of his mother are not shown.

While a resident of Niskayuna, Albany County (later Schenectady County) (later Schenectady County) New York, Aaron Van Vliet was the son of Benjamin Van Vliet. date and place of his birth and name of his mother are not shown.

While a resident of Niskayuna, Albany County (later Schenectady County) New York, Aaron Van Vliet enlisted sometime in 1779, and served at various times to 1781, in Captain s Henry Ostrum's and Philip Swart's companies, Colonels P.P. Schuyler's and Marinus Willett's regiments; Enlisted in the spring of 1782, served nine months in Captain Peter B. Tearse's company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment. He served at Fort Hunter, Fort Plain, Stone Arabia, Fort Herkimer, and was in the expedition against Oswego. His service was rendered as private and sergeant.

Aaron Van Vliet married October 23, 1785, in Schenectady, New York, Maria (Mariah) Hall. They were both residing in Niskayuna, New York. Date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown. Hannah, Martha and Benjamin Van Vliet, Teunis Wells, and Laura Van Vliet, witnessed the marriage of the soldier.

Aaron Van Vliet died on or about July 15, 1803, in Steuben, Oneida County, New York, aged at least forty-five years.

The soldier's widow, Maria, married April 7, 1804, in said Steuben, John Norton who died January 27, 1844 in Clayton, Jefferson County, New York.

Maria Norton, former widow of Aaron van Vliet, was allowed pension, on account of his service in the Revolutionary War, on her application executed March 14, 1848, at which time she was aged upwards of eighty-five years, and a resident of Steuben, New York.

March 22, 1855, Maria Norton, still a resident of Steuben, New York, made application for bounty land which was due on account of the service of her former husband, Aaron Van Vliet, in the Revolutionary War. She was granted one hundred sixty acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 8142, under the act of March 3, 1855.

No reference was made to children.