

Pension Application for Cornelius Van Wie

R.10908 (Widow: Nancy or Ann)

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On this 28th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) Nancy Van Wie a resident of the said City aged seventy years & upwards, 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 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Cornelius Van Wie, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States & served as such as is stated in the affidavit of Isaac Van Wie hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cornelius Van Wie on the twelfth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, that her husband the aforesaid Cornelius Van Wie died on the twenty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz—at the time above stated.

She further states that her surname previous to her marriage was Schenklin—that she was married in the City of Albany and the marriage ceremony was performed by the then Pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in that City. – Doct Eliardus Westerlo—and she is unable to write her name & therefore makes a mark a cross for her signature. (Signed with her mark) Nancy Van Wie.

Subscribed & Sworn to in open Court this 28th day of July 1838. John G. Wasson, Clk.

Affidavit of Isaac Van Wie in the Matter of application of Mrs. Ann Van Wie widow of Cornelius Van Wie who was a revolutionary War.
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Isaac Van Wie of the Town of Bethlehem County of Albany being duly sworn deposeseth & saith That Cornelius VanWie the Husband of this applicant Mrs. Ann Van Wie was a volunteer soldier in the Revolutionary [war] from the Town of Bethlehem. He was at the following places. This deponent further saith in December 1775 as near as this Deponent can recollect, the said Cornelius started from the town of Bethlehem under the command of Derick Backer their captain & General Schuyler for Johnstown Hall. This deponent further with that Cornelius Van Wiewent to Johnstown and was at that place some days, the enemy retreated & that General Schuyler took possession of the Hall, after being absent some days the said Cornelius returned home. The precise number of days the said Cornelius was absent this deponent does not now recollect.

And this Deponent further saith sometime subsequent to this return home from Johnstown Hall. This Deponent saw the said Cornelius at Fort Edward at that time under the supervision & control of General Schuyler, and this deponent further saith that the said Cornelius was at Fort Edward over two weeks & how many more this Deponent does not now recollect.

And this deponent further saith that the said Cornelius was marched with rest from Fort Edward to Snookville & from Snookville to ;Moses Kill, and form from [sic] Mosekill to Saratoga from Saratoga to Stillwater, at this place they with the said Cornelius encamped for nine days and they marched the army as well as the said Cornelius from Stillwater to Waterford at this last mentioned places they remained for some days till the approach of General Gates who superseded General Schuyler in the command of the Army. And this deponent further saith from the time they left Fort Edward till General Gates took the command of the Arme[y] [Army] was all two months & perhaps more but cannot say the precise length of time.

And this Deponent further saith that the said Cornelius Van Wie, with the rest of the soldiers were marched form Waterford by Generl Gates back to Mount Hope or Bemus Heights at this place general Gates Army had an engagement with General Burgoyne, which said engagement resulted in the defeat of the British. And this Deponent further saith that Cornelius Van Wie were among the number who conducted General Burgoyne to Albany after the said Burgoyne was defeated.

And this Deponent further saith that shortly after Burgoyne was brought to Albany orders came to go to Schoharrie this Deponent says Cornelius Van Wie ammediately [immediately] joined the Ranks of Captain John Van Wie of Bethlehem and left for Fort Schoharie and this Deponent further saith that the said Cornelius was at Fort Schoharie all of a month & perhaps more. This deponent does not recollect the Colonels name who had charge of the fort at this time, nor the places through which the said Cornelius & the army must have past. This Deponent further saith after remaining at the Fort over one month the said Cornelius returned home with his said Captain but still he kept equipt & in order to answer to any order which should be sent to his Captain John Van Wie.

And this deponent further saith that orders came in the middle of the night and the said Cornelius ammediately repaired to head quarters to greet his Captain John Van Wie. They marched a second time to the [?] of Schoharie. This deponent says that the said Cornelius was absent some time but the precise length of time this deponent does not now recollect going to Schoharrie.

This deponent and the said Cornelius were Guards over fifteen Waggon loads of Ammunition which was safely delivered in the fort by this deponent & the said Cornelius. This said Deponent says that after their arrival at Schoharrie the said army followed the enemy to Cannajoharrie [Canajoharie] from thence to the Mohawk River to a place opposite of Fort Plains on the west side of the river, from Fort Plain at the place they were joined by General VanRensselaer from Claverack.

This service [???] under John Van Wie went home.

This deponent further saith that the said Cornelius had not been home but a short time before orders came for the said Cornelius Van Wie, under Captain John Van Wie to go to Albany in the County of Albany from Albany Niskenyuna from thence to Schenectady from thence to fort Hunter, at this last mentioned place a company under Nicholas Gerallaurance was sent to Fort Plain in this company. This deponent says was Cornelius Van Wie after remaining at this place some time. They returned home.

And this deponent further saith that this said Cornelius Van Wie was in 1779 employed by the army or by name of the Generals to run the express from Schenectady and from other places in the vicinity of Schenectady to Wyoming. This Deponent says he mustered and had been engaged all of two or three months and perhaps more in running this express. This deponent does not recollect wether [whether] the said Cornelius was at the Massacre of the whites at the above name place or not.

This deponent further saith he does not recollect in what number of Regiment the said Cornelius done his duty and this deponent thinks that from the time the said Cornelius left Bethlehem for Johnstown Hall including the short interval that was allowed him to go home to obtain clothing, till the close of his duties in the war in Seventeen hundred and seventy eight was all of thirty six months. (Signed) Isaac Van Wiel.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this 7th day of September 1837. J. G. Wasson, Clk.