

Pension Application for Isaac Van Wie

S.23981

State of New York

City & County of Albany SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the City & County of Albany, Isaac Van Wie of Bethlehem in said County, and applicant for a Pension under the act of Congress of June 7, 1832, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

In the year 1776, I served ad Orderly Sergeant for more than three months in the company commanded by Capt. John Van Wie in the Regiment commanded by Col. Staats and Major Ten Eyck. I recollect the Teunis Vandenburg was a Lieutenant in said company the other company officers I do not recollect.

In the year 1777 I enlisted in the service and served as Orderly sergeant more than ten months in the Company commanded by Capt Baltus Van Benthuyssen. I do not recollect the names of the other officers of the Company. But the Regiment to which we belonged was commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort, and we were under the command of Genl Schuyler. I recollect an officer belonging to our Regiment, named Peter Tears. I believe he was the adjutant. I was stationed at Ticonderoga until Burgoyne's Army came down, and we then retreated to Half Moon Point & remained there until after Burgoyne had surrendered & was discharged in the winter. I believe I received a written discharge—but am not certain -- if I did it is lost or destroyed & I do not recollect what officers it was signed by.

In the year 1778 I also served as Orderly Sergeant for more than three weeks in the Company commanded by Capt. John Van Wie, we were stationed about a fortnight at Fort Plain up the Mohawk River.

In the year 1779 I also served as Orderly Sergeant for not less than one month in the same Company commanded by Capt Van Wie.

For at least the above periods I am confident that I served as above stated, making in all a period of not less than fourteen months and three weeks, but I do verily believe that I actually served my Country during the revolutionary war, not less than two years and for such service I claim a pension. (Signed) Jesse Van Wie

Sworn this 23d day of May 1833 before me. Leumuel Jenkins, Justice of the Peace.

Letter in folder dated August 10, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Petrus Eggenaar (Egnar, Egnor) of Ulster County, New York, and Isaac Van Wie of Albany County, New York.

The Revolutionary War record of this office have been searched and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service of Petrus (Peter) Eggenaar. The name was searched under various spellings.

The data which follow concerning Isaac Van Wie were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.23981, based upon his military service in the Revolutionary War.

Isaac Van Wie was born June 14, 1755, place not stated nor are the names of his parents given.

While a resident of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, Isaac Van Wie served as orderly sergeant from sometime in 1776 until sometime in 1780, at various times with the New York troops, under Captains John van Wie, Baltus VanBenthuisen, Colonels Volkert Veeder, Henry Quackenboss, Peter Gansevoort, Barent Staats, and Gerrit G. Van Denbergh; during his service he was stationed at Ticonderoga, and other forts, was employed in building boats and "Row Galleys" to transport men and provisions to Skeensborough, Lake George, and Ticonderoga, was also, in pursuit of Indians along the Mohawk River; length of entire service about two years.

The soldier, Isaac Van Wie, was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1837, at which time he was living in Bethlehem, New York, where he was still living in 1837.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to wife or children of Isaac Van Wie, nor is it shown that the Captain John Van Wie under whom he served was a relative.