

Pension Application for Cornelius Van Wormer

W.18197 (Widow: Catharine) Married July 16, 1785. Her maiden name was Catharina Hendricks. Cornelius died March 17, 1824.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

On this twenty sixth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine at a court of Common Pleas and held at the Court house before the Judges thereof in and for the County aforesaid in open court Catharina VanWormer a resident of the town of Cicero of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy four years 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 mad [made] by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Cornelius Van Wormer deceased who in the revolutionary war resided in the town of Catskill (now Cairo) (For West of Albany County) now Greene County—and was engaged as a private soldier in the Militia for the defense of the frontier of Albany & Schoharrie [Schoharie] Counties during said war for several successive tours and was Stationed in different places under different officers—and according to the best of her present recollection principally in Colonel Anthony Van Bergens Regiment and as she now believes during the revolutionary was the said Cornelius Van Wormers services would in all amount to more than two years as a private soldier.

She further declares that during said war she was a near neighbor to said Cornelius Vanwormer and frequently saw him pass by the house in which deponent resided and that he was equiped [equipped] as a soldier.

She further declares that according to the best of her knowledge and belief the said Cornelius Van Wormer was part of the time under the command of Captain Philip Conine with whom she was well acquainted that he was stationed on the frontier in said County of Albany at one time for the term of eight or nine months that one of her near neighbors named John Winne was in the same company part of the time and who is still living and whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

She further declares that she cannot now recollect any other particulars of the Services of her husband the said Cornelius VanWormer but from her present recollection he was engaged as a private Soldier for at least two years in different compaines [companies] during the Revolutionary War.

She further declares that she has no documentary proof of any the Services of the said Cornelius VanWormer—nor knows of any living witness except the one of John Winne hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cornelius VanWormer the sixteenth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty five that the ceremony was performed by the Reverend John Schuneman Clergyman of the Dutch Reformed of the town of Catskill and that her maiden name previous to her marriage was Catharina Hendricks—

And that her husband the aforesaid Cornelius VanWormer died the Seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty four.

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 declares that she knows of no living witness to prove her marriage that the annexed extract of the record of the baptism of her two eldest children by the Reverend Mr. Schuneman is all the evidence she has been able to procure.

She further declares ever since the death of her husband the said Cornelius VanWormer she has remained and is still the widow of the said Cornelius VanWormer as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that the names of her two eldest children is Lawrence and Annaitie. (Signed with her mark) Catharina VanWaormer

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me. E. Rhoades,
Clerk