

Pension Application for Philip Viele

R.10947 (Widow: Rachel)

Letter in folder dates February 18, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letters relative to Garret or Carret Viele and Philip Viele, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land made to the United States based upon military service of soldiers in that war.

A careful search of the records of this office fails to show a claim for either pension or bounty land on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of a Garret or Carret Viele, under any spelling of the name.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.10947, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Philip Viele, the only soldier of that name found in the records of this office. L The date and place of soldier's birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

Philip Viele, while residing in Schenectady, New York, married November 24, 1770, in said Schenectady, New York, Rachel Fonda, of Glenville, or Schenectady, New York.

The soldier died August 7, 1795 or 1797, in Glenville, or Schenectady, New York, where he was buried, and his widow, Rachel, died there on May 1, 1839, "aged ninety years and upwards". She was survived by the following children:

Cornelius Viele

Jacob Viele

Nicholas, who in 1863 was 62 years old and living in Schenectady County, New York.

Rebecca Viele

In October 21, 1840, Cornelius Viele, son of the soldier, Philip Viele, and his wife, Rachel, aged sixty-six years, and a resident of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, applied for the pension that may have been due his mother, on account of the Revolutionary War service of her husband.

It was alleged that Philip Viele, while a resident of Glenville, Albany (which was later Schenectady) County, New York, enlisted and that he served at various times fromn about January, 1776, until sometime in 1782, aggregate term of service not established, as private and sergeant with the New York troops, under Captain,s John van Patten, Thomas B. Bancker, Jellis Fonda, and Colonel Abraham Wemple; that during his service he assisted in repelling invasions of the Indians and Tories up the Mohawk River, and present at the surrender of Burgoyne and was stationed at Bemis Height's Saratoga, Schoharie, Fort Viele opposite Glenville, and many other places.

The claim was not allowed as proof of at least six months' service, which was the requirement of the pension law, was not furnished.

In 1853, Cornelius and Nicholas Viele, both residents of Glenville, New York, were the only surviving children of the soldier and his wife, Rachel.

In 1853, one Cornelius Viele, born March 4, 1764, was residing in Glenville, New York; relationship to soldier not shown.

In 1855, one Alexander G. Fonda was an elder in the Protestant Reformed First Dutch Church of Schenectady, New York; relationship to soldier's wife, Rachel, not stated.