

Pension Application for John Way

S.42609

B.L.Wt.7992-100-pvt. Issued Mch 19, 1792. John died February 20, 1843.

There doesn't appear to be a deposition for John Way in the file.

Letter in folder dated August 19, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Way, of Halfmoon, Albany County, New York and who served in the 8th Regiment, Albany County Militia.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.42609, based upon service of John Way in the Revolutionary War, and is the only pension record found based upon service in that war of a John Way who served with the New York troops.

John Way and his wife had eight children, the name of his wife, the date of their marriage, the date her death, their ages or names of their parents are not shown. He died February 20, 1843, in Ameliasburgh Township, District and County of Prince Edward, Canada, West, leaving no widow. He was survived by five children, whose names are shown as follow: Margaret Sprung, Abbey Emmans, Mary Anderson, Letty Tripp, and John Way, Jr., the names of the other three children are not shown.

On June 8, 1847, Margaret Spring aged forty-seven years "and upwards" made application for pension in Oswego County, New York, on account of the service of her father John Way, in the Revolutionary War. Her residence was then Ameliasburgh Township, District and County of Prince Edward, Canada, West. She made his application in behalf of herself and her three sisters then surviving, her brother, John Way, Jr., having died November 7, 1845, in said Ameliasburgh.

The residences of her sisters at that time are shown as follow:

Mary Anderson of Ameliasburg Township, Canada. Letty Tripp, Hillier Township, County of Prince Edward, Canada, West. Abbey (or Abbe) wife of John Emans or Emmans of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, aged about fifty-one years.

The husband of Margaret, was Richard Spring. The names of the husbands of Mary Anderson and Letty Tripp are not designated.

In the application for pension it is shown that John Way, (name shown also as Wey, while a resident of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York enlisted June 4, 1777, served as private, corporal, and a sergeant in captain Aaron Aerson's Company, Colonel Peter Gansevort's 3rd New York Regiment, and in Colonel Van Schaick's 1st New York Regiment, served against Burgoyne at Saratoga in the expedition down the Susquehanna River and Chemung against the Indians, served at Fort Stanwix, Morristown, and Pompton, New Jersey, served also at West Point, VerPlank's point and other posts on the Hudson and Delaware Rivers, his service terminating at the close of that war. He was subsequently commissioned March 22, 1796, in New York City, ensign of a company of Dutchess County militia, in the regiment commanded by Isaac Vail, Lieutenant Colonel, Commandant.

The pension which was due said children on account of the service of their father, John Way, in the Revolutionary War was granted.

One Elizabeth Foster, the widow of Joseph Foster, stated in 1847, at which time she was aged about eighty-five years and resided in the District of Prince Edward, Canada, West, in which province she had lived for about fifty-two years, that she resided in Dutchess County, New York, during the Revolutionary War, occasionally in the family of John Way, the soldier, and that he moved to Canada about 1805 and resided near her until he died and that he was buried on her farm. She stated further that there as another John Way living in or near Dutchess County, who was a much older man than John Way, the soldier, and who because of his advanced age was incapable of performing military duty. She did not state whether or not these two men were related.

In 1849, one John B. Wary was Justice of the Peace in the District of Prince Edward, Canada, West. IN 1852, one John S. Emans was Justice of the Peace of Dutchess County, New York. Their relationship to the family not stated.

In 1849, the following persons were living in the District of Prince Edward, Canada, West. Their relationship to the soldier's family not shown: Reuben B. Way, George R. Way, William C. Way, Isaac Tripp, Daniel Spring, Richard Spring, David Spring, John Ander son, George Anderson, William Anderson, Sr., William Anderson, Jr., James W. Anderson, and Levi Anderson.