

**Pension Application for John Youker, Youger, Yuckerd**

W.22709 (Anna C. Youker)  
State of New York  
County of Fulton SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1839 personally appeared before the Hon. Justus B. Leavitt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Anna C. Youker, a resident of the Town of Oppenheim in the said County aged, Seventy Six Years in April last, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, Entitled "An Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows"—that she is the widow of John Youker who was a soldier in the war of the revolution & served therein, as she believes, as a private in the Militia Company whereof Christian House (1) was the Captain in the Regt commanded by Col. Jacob Klock' also that her said late husband was enlisted as she understood, for the period of Nine months in the Company of Capt. Gross (2) (whose Christian name she thinks was Laurence but is not certain) in the Regt of Col. Marinus Willett & served said nine months, she understood, in said last mentioned company as a private, that according to her recollection that said husband told her that while he served in said Capt. Gross' Company, he was engaged in the battle called the "Turlock battle"—(3) that her said husband also informed her that he was engaged in the service when the battle at Johnstown (4) was had & present when in the pursuit Col. Butler(5) of the British Rangers was killed; that her said husband told her that at or near the Indian Castle an Indian fired upon him & that the ball passed through his cloths, but does not recollect of his then being in the service or not, that he often told her that he served considerable on scouting parties—She recollects that she was at Fort Dayton in the said war, & while there she repeatedly saw him her said husband at or near said Fort while, as she believes, he was Engaged in the service, which was before her intermarriage with the said John Youker [sic]—that she cannot particularly state the services of her said husband—nor under what officers he served, nor how long he served in said war, except as aforesaid—that she is informed & believes that the records or Company rolls of the Companies in which he served, are probably on file at Washington City, & may show the amount of his services in said war. She further declares that she was married to that said John Youker on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1784 according to her recollection & a copy of the record of the Revd. Abraham Rosencrantz, taken relative to her said marriage, & which is hereto annexed—that the Revd. Abraham Rosencrantz married her to the said John Youker as aforesaid—that the Revd. Mr. Rosencrantz is dead—that her said husband the aforesaid John Youker died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1831. That she was not married to the said John Youker prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz, at the time above stated—that she has not since the death of the said John Intermarried but still remains his widow--& that she cannot write & that her maiden name was Rinckel. (6)(Signed with her mark)  
Anna C. Youker

Sworn to & Subscribed on the day & year above written before me by making her mark--& certify that the word "& her maiden name was Rinckel" written before execution. Justus B. Leavitt Judge of Fulton County Courts, State of New York

State of New York  
County of Herkimer SS.

Abraham G. Rosencrantz of the Town of Little Falls in said County being duly sworn according to law says that he is the son of the late George Rosecrantz, Decd and the grandson of the Revd Abraham Rosecrantz who in is life time was the minister of the Reformed Protestant dutch church of Herkimer and Germanflatts. That he was always informed and believed and now believes that his Grandfather as such minister solemnized marriages and kept a Record of Marriages-which said Book of Records was after the decease of his said Grandfather in the possession of his father the said George Rosecrantz until his decease which event took place the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1838, and since then the said Book of Records have been and are now in the possession of this deponent he being the Executor of the said George Rosecrantz Decd. That he has this day Examined the said book of records of marriages and finds an Entry therein that in Seventeen hundred and Eighty four the thirteenth day of January Johannes Yucker was married to Catharina Rinckel that the entry of said marriage in said record is in the following words and figures.

1784 D. 13<sup>th</sup> Jany Johannes Jukker u. Anna Catharina Rinckel which said record is that on the thirteenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty four Johannes Yucker was married to Catharina Rinckel. Abraham G. Rosencrantz

Subscribed & Sworn to the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839 before me George Petrie, J. Peace.

State of New York  
County of Fulton SS.

John Nellis Atty, & Counsellor at Law, in the Supreme Court of Judicature of said State, being duly sworn, depose & says that Anna Youker, within named, having applied to this deponent to draw & prepare her declaration for a pension, as the widow of the late John Youker, & informed this deponent, that the late Abraham Rosecrantz a minister of the Gospel, had married her to the said John Youker he this deponent with her son, Jacob J, Youker, called at the dwelling house of Abraham Rosecrantz, in the County of Herkimer, to search for the record of her marriage--& learned from the wife of the said last named Abraham Rosecrantz, who is a grand son of the clergyman, above named, that her said husband was absent on a journey to the westward; And at the request of this deponent she delivered to him the Register of the Rev'd Abraham Rosecrantz, telling him, that it was the Book left by her husband's Grand father, at his decease, in which he had entered marriages, &c, performed by him in his life time; & that said book came, at his decease, into the possession of George Rosecrantz, the father of her said husband; that the said George died, on 21 Decr. 1838; & that since the death of said George Rosecrantz, her said husband had had [sic] the possession of the said Book, or register—that her said husband would be absent some time --& that the said register was considered as private property belonging to the descendants of the said deceased Clergyman--& this deponent further says that the said Register appeared very actual, & the marriages, &c therein records, were written as this deponent believes in the German language--& on examining said record this deponent found the following Entry. One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four the thirteenth day of January "Johannes Jukker u Anna Catharina Rinckel" – which entry was found under the head of marriages in the said Register--& that it is a true copy of the said record with the exception of the date which is expressed on the record in fair & legible figures as follows "1784 D. 13. Jany" & which said Entry was found between the year 1783 & the year 1785, the former preceding & the latter following the above copy from said record--& this deponent further says that he has always understood & believes that the said Abraham Rosencrantz, who is alleged, married the said John Youcker & Anna C., the widow now of said John, was a clergyman of regular standing & officiated as such & further says not. (Signed) John Nellis

Subscribed & Sworn to this 20th day of February 1839, before me, & I certify that said John Nellis is credible. J.B. Leavitt Judge &c

Letter of inquiry dated April 11, 1939.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Mrs. Hannah Youker who applied for pension as the widow of a Revolutionary War soldier and in 1840 was living in Oppenheim, Fulton County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.22709, based on the Revolutionary War service of John Youker; this is the only application for pension made by any person as the widow of a soldier with the surname Youker that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth of John Youker (7) and the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted, place not given, (8) and served over nine months in 1781 and 1782 as private with New York troops under Captains Christian House and Lawrence Gross, Lieutenant Colonels Peter Wagoner, Marinus Willett, and Colonel Jacob Klock, and was in the battle called "Turlock battle."

John Youker married January 13, 1784, Anna Catharina Rinckel who was born in April 1762. They were married by Reverend Abraham Rosecrantz, the minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of Herkimer and German Flats.

John Youker died September 14, 1831.

As the widow of John Youker (9), Anna Catharina Youker was allowed pension on her application executed February 20, 1839, at which time she was living in Oppenheim, Fulton County, New York. She was living there in 1854.

A son, Jacob J. or I. Youker, was living in Oppenheim, New York in 1839.

The papers in said claim contain no further data relative to the family of John Youker.

End Notes—W.22709—John Youker

1. John served as a private in Captain Christian House's Seventh Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. John enlisted as a private on May 22, 1781 in Captain Lawrence Gross' Company for nine months in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. The Battle of New Dirlach (Sharon Spring) was fought on July 10, 1781.
4. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781.
5. The Skirmish at West Canada creek was fought on October 30, 1781. It was Captain Walter Butler, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler, who was killed at the West Canada Creek.
6. Anna's father Lawrence Wrenkle (Rinckel, Ringle, etc.) served in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Lawrence was at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777.
7. John's father was Rudolph Youker.

8. Rudolph Youker settled an area referred to as Youker's Bush now in the present Town of Oppenheim, Fulton County. This is where John was living when he enlisted. The area in 1775 was part of the Palatine District, Tryon County.
9. (Jim Morrison speaks) I am a descendant of John Youker thru the Smith line from the Town of Ephratah, Fulton County. John J. Smith married Catherine Youker.