

Pension Application for Nicholas Cassidy

W.40797

Nicholas Cassidy of Salem Township in the County of Westmoreland in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Labourer, upon oath makes the following declaration.

That the said Nicholas Cassidy in April AD 1776 enlisted as a private for the term of one year in Capt. Cornelius Hornbarg's Company in Col. Richmore's Regiment in the New Jersey Line. That the Declarant faithfully served in said company until the December following.

That the Declarant on the 13th of march AD 1777 again enlisted as a private for the term of three years in Capt. Cornelius Johnston's Company of foot in Colonel Gainsworth's regiment in Gen. James Clinton's Brigade in the New York Line, that the Declarant faithfully served the whole of the last mentioned term and was on the 13th of March 1780 honourably discharged.

That the Declarant was in the Battle at White Plains, and in the Battle on Long Island.

That the Declarant received a written certificate of his Discharge and that he has lost the same by the time and accident.

That the Declarant is eighty five years of age, and from his reduced circumstances in life is now in need of assistance from his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. . (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Cassidy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of April 1818. Wm. Jask, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letter in folder dated March 28, 1922, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that a careful search of the records of this Bureau fails to show a claim for Revolutionary War pension, or bounty land on file on account of the services of any Nicholas Cassidy, under any spelling of that surname, other than Survivor File 40797, who was allowed pension on his application executed April 30, 1818, while living in Salem Township, Westmoreland County, Penn. And who died January 25, 1822. His date and place of birth and residence at enlistment are not on record.

He stated in his application for pension that he enlisted in April 1776 and served as a private for one year "In Capt Cornelius Hornbarg's Company in Col. Richmore's Regiment in the New Jersey Line." In another place he stated that he served "in and about New York in the company commanded by Captain Cornelius Hornberg, Col. Richmore's Regiment, Gen. McDugal's Brigade for the space of a year."

As the soldier always signed by mark and stated that the clerk in writing his declaration made mistakes in the spelling of his officers' names, it is possible that the officers he referred to, were Captain Cornelius Hardenbergh, Colonel Rudolph Ritzema and Colonel Alexander McDougal of the First New York Regiment.

Said Nicholas Cassidy also stated that he served from March 13, 1777, to March 13, 1780, in Captain Cornelius Johnson's Company, colonel Gansevort's N.Y. Regiment and after that until the end of the War under Captain Abraham Westfall, Colonel Pauling's N.Y. Regiment.

The above are all the services noted in his claim for pension.