

Pension Application for John Clearwater

W.23818 (Widow: Rachel) Married Rachel Davis May 28, 1785. John died December 1826.
State of New York, Ulster County SS.

Jacob Markel of Marbletown in said county being sworn says that he is in the seventy fifth year of his age. That in the time of the Revolutionary War, before and afterwards he was well acquainted with John Clearwater, late of said town deceased.

Said deponent well known that in the spring of the year 1779 men were raised to guard the frontiers: that said men were raised for eight months. That at that time Deponents brother Johannis George Vandemark and said John Clearwater volunteered and enlisted in said service.

That said deponent at that time understood from his said brother that he and said John Clearwater did serve said term of eight months on said frontiers, in the company of Capt Robert Hunter in Col. Albert Pawling's Regiment and were marched from Shandaken to join Sullivan's Army on the Susquehannah—when they arrived there the said army had left that about two days—said forced then returned destitute of provisions—and when they returned they were ordered and marched to Stony Point, where said John Clearwater and said Johannis Markel, brother to this deponent were discharged, after serving out said term of eight months.

Said Deponent further states that in the spring of the year 1780 in the month of march (recollects that there was snow on the ground--) he said deponent, and said John Clearwater enlisted for the term of nine months at Wawarsing in said County under Patrick Connelly who was a recruiting officer, a Lieutenant, his Sergeant's name was Jansen—at the same time Jachariah Graham, Jacob Wilkelow, Elias Deprey, and Jacobus Rosekrans enlisted; remembers there were twelve who enlisted; said deponent does not recollect the others—we were then on the frontier at Wawarsing aforesaid, and all enlisted under said Connelly out of one Company – after enlisting we were marched to Kingston in said County of Ulster, and there embarked on board of a Sloop and were carried to West Point—here we were placed in Col. Willet's Regiment, don't recollect the names of the Company officers—but remembers the name of the orderly sergeant was Jansen or Johnson—from West Point we were ordered and marched to near White Plains and scouted about and kept guard—from thence to Tappan and were on duty when Andre was hung at said place.

Said deponent has also been seen said Clearwater in the service in Capt. Livingston's Company, Wysenvelt's regiment on the frontiers in 1782, but cannot tell for what time he enlisted or how long he served in said Company. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Markel

Sworn & Subscribed this 14th day of Dec. 1838 before me. Abm G. Hardenbergh, J. Peace.