

Pension Application for David Cornell

S.44367

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

David Cornell being duly sworn saith that in the month of March or first of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he enlisted as a private soldier for the term of one year from the first of January [?] in Captain Andrew Billings company in Colonel Ritzema's Regiment of which Wysenvelt was Lieutenant Colonel in the New York Line on the Continental Service and joined the Company & Regiment immediately then lying at Fort Montgomery & some time after returned to New York and was with the same army in the retreat from New York & in the action at White Plains & in General Wayne's division of the Army went over into New Jersey & joined the main army in Bucks County in Pennsylvania and was engaged in taking the Hessians at Trenton—and was discharged about the fifth day of January seventeen hundred & twenty seven, without any written discharge as he recollects.

That he was actually in the United States service under said enlistment over nine months. That some time after his enlistment Captain Billings was promoted & Benjamin Pelton took command of said company & continued in command until this deponent was discharged.

That Col. Richman [Ritzema] being taken sick as this deponent thinks, Lieutenant Col Wysenvelt commanded said Regiment to the end of this deponents service.

That he is aged sixty four years in July last & resides in the Town of Camillus in the County of Onondaga & from his manual circumstances in life in in need of the assistance of his country for support & further saith not. (Signed) David Cornell

Sworn to & Declared this fourteenth day of April 1818 before me. Joshua Forman. First Judge of Onondaga Comm. Pleas.

Letter in file dated January 26, 1915, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the claim of David Cornell, Sur. File No. 43,367, Rev. War, you are advised that the records of this Bureau fail to show a claim on file for the widow of said soldier, nor is it stated that he was ever married, and there is no data on file relative to family, as you were advised under date of August 19, 1914.

For the date of last payment of soldier's pension and the name of the person to whom the arrears of his pension were paid, apply to the Auditor for the Interior Department, U.S. Treasury Department, citing all the following data:

"David Cornell, Certificate No. 2.470, issued September 18, 1818, at \$8. Per months from April 14, 1818, under Act of March 18, 1818, payable at the New York Agency."