

Pension Application for Cornelius Depuy Dewitt

W.19173 (Widow: Margaret) Married November 23, 1786. Cornelius died February 28, 1845.

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State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 24th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and state of New York, now setting, Cornelius D. Dewitt a resident of Sempronius in the County of Cayuga and State of New York, aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832:--

That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That about the first of June AD 1776 then being a resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the company of Captain John Hasbrook in the Regiment commanded by Col. Johannus Hardenburgh in Gen Scotts Brigade, they he marched with said company to New York and joined the army of Gen Washington, that continued with said army until the retreat from New York, when he marched with said army to Kingsbridge from thence to the White Plains, where he was at the time of the battle, from thence to Peekskill, from thence to Haverstraw where he was discharged, having served a term of five months.

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1777 at Rochester aforesaid he was drafted and entered said service in the company commanded by Captain Johannus Hardenburgh in the Regiment commanded by Col. Levi Paulding for a term of four months.

That he marched with said company to Fort Clinton on the Hudson River where he continued during the whole of said term except about one month and ten days during harvest time, when his brother entered said company and served as his substitute during said term of one month & ten days.

He further declares that about the tenth of August AD 1777 he again entered said service at Rochester aforesaid in the company of State troops commanded by Captain Benjamin Cortright in Col. Graham's Regiment for a term of three months, that he marched with said company to Albany from thence to VanSchaack's Island and joined the Brigade of Genl Glover—that he marched from thence to Bemis Heights and was there at the time of the capture of Genl Burgoine, from thence he marched to Albany where he was discharged at the expiration of said term of three months, and returned from there home.

He further declares that in the fall of the year 1778, he again entered said service as a volunteer in the company commanded by one captain Clark of Orange County, in the Regiment commanded by Major John Cantine. That he continued in said service as a guard upon the frontiers in Ulster County about the time of three

months according to the best of his recollection and served as Sargeant when he was dismissed.

He further declares that in the month of April about the first of the month at the town or Rochester aforesaid he enlisted into the company of New York State troops commanded by Capt William Faulkenter and Lieut Levi Dewitt in the Regiment commanded by Col Albert Pauldings Regiment for a term of nine months that immediately after entering he was appointed a sergeant in said company in which capacity he continued to serve during the whole of said term.

That in or after said enlistment about the month of August said Regiment marched to join the army of Gen. Sullivan in his northern expedition against the Indians, that the object of said regiment was to join the Brigade under Gen Clinton which as coming down through the Otsego Lake, that said Regiment marched first to Oquaga but arrived there too late to join said Brigade, from which place said Regiment returned to Rochester aforesaid, and from thence all of said Regiment except one company as he believes marched to Stony Point and he among the number that he continued at Stony Point until about the last of November when he marched to Poughkeepsie where he was discharged at the expiration of said term of nine months.

That he served during the whole time as sargeant in said company.

He further declares that in the spring of the year 1780 he again entered said service in the company of state troops commanded by Captain Lewis Dewitt in the regiment commanded by Col. John Cantine as he believes for a term of eight months.

That he continued to serve in said company as sergeant during the whole of said term—that he served as guard upon the frontiers in Ulster County. That there was a great extent of frontier Country which as guarded by said Regiment, the several companys of which were stationed along at different places on said frontier.

He further declares that in the spring of 1781 he again entered said service in the company of Captain Derick Westbrook in Col Albert Pauldings Regiment and continued as guard upon said frontiers a term of eight months—that he was stationed at Rochester ins aid County from which place parties were sent out into scouting parties.

He further declares that in the August of the year 1782 he again entered said service as a substitute for one Samuel Kirkpatrick for a term of three months. That he was stationed at Rochester aforesaid, during said term and was engaged in scouting parties and as a spy to give notice of the approach of the enemy—that he never received a written discharge from said service and has no proof thereof documentary or otherwise than the accompanying—that whilst in said service he saw Gen Gates—Gen Putnam, Gen Glover, Gen Arnold, Ben Washington and others.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Cornelius D. Dewitt

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. L. Richards first Judge of Cayuga.