

Pension Application for Jacob Kline

W.26188 (Widow: Lucy) Lucy Weed married Jacob Kline October 4, 1814. Jacob died August 20, 1841.

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State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this thirty first day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Russell G. Dorr Supreme Court Commissioner Jacob Kline a resident of the town of town of Egremont, Berkshire County and State of Massachusetts who deposeth and said that he was born at the great Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the first day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty and is now seventy three years of age the first day of last January 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States that on the 6th day of 1778 this deponent started from his residence in the Town of [?] in Company with one William Scutt, a pensioner under the late act. That this deponent together with William Scutt enlisted for the term of nine months and proceeded to march to the Manor house in the Manor of Livingston. That after this deponent arrived at the place aforesaid the troops were mustered and the Father of this deponent hired a substitute and gave him the sum of one hundred dollars together with his monthly wages in the service of this deponent.

That then this deponent went up to Albany with the pensioners William Smith and Benjamin Pap that this deponent was gone five days with the pensioners aforesaid. That immediately after his return home this deponent was hired by Francis Bruzer as his substitute for the term of one month. That William Scutt aforesaid Ezra Whitewash and Jonathan Fox was in the company going to and returning from West Point according to the best recollection of this deponent and that William Scutt is the only one of the before mentioned persons now living.

That the company aforesaid proceeded to West Point under the command of Captain TenBroeck whose given name this deponent cannot recollect and Lieutenant Orville Orvin that the Army commanded by General Arnold (the traitor) lay at West Point when this company to which this deponent belonged arrived there. That the company marched from Taghkanic to Stachin from thence to Fishkill from thence to West Point.

The officers commanding the army at West Point were calling the roll. When this deponent arrived that the army aforesaid the next day marched to the [?] That this deponent remained at West Point one month in repairing the fort and keeping Guard that he cannot recollect the names of the officers except those he has mentioned.

That there was no engagements during that month but the [?] before a battle was fought at Stony Point and this deponent and some others went down to Stoney

Point and saw the dead Bodies lying there. That after the expedition of the month another company came on, and the company to which this deponent belonged was discharged verbally as this deponent believes as he never has had a written discharge and he returned home.

That it took this deponent eight or nine days in going to and returning from West Point with the company that in the fall of the same year, as this deponent believes on first of October this deponent William Scutt and others that are not now living volunteered under Captain Conrad Kline an Uncle of this deponent. That he was called to Taghkanic Flats and was stationed with the rest of the company at a school house and put out nights to keep watched and subdue the Tories

That this deponent with the rest of the company remained at Taghkanic Flats one month in watching the remnants of the Tories and then returned home. That in the year 1779 on the first of May this deponent volunteered under the command of Jacob Kline (now deceased) and Father of this deponent.

That William Shutt is the only person now living that volunteered under the command of Deponents Father. That deponent volunteered for the purpose of preventing the Inhabitants of Boston from ferrying Flower [flour] and grain from this State to the enemy. Through the Eastern States on the then Nobletown road now Columbia Turnpike Road running though Hillsdale and the Taghkanic Road now Copake. That deponent volunteered for six months and watched the roads during that time and then a committee from Massachusetts and New York went and took [?] to prevent the transportation of any more Flower and grain and on the last of October this deponent was discharged verbally by his father that this deponent has no documentary evidence of his service that his father and brother are dead and that he knows of no other person by whom he can prove the above services but William Scutt whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

That since the revolution he has resided one year in the town of Taghkanic and State of New York and the remainder of the time in the State of Massachusetts.

That he has never had a commission.

That the names of his neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are [none listed].

That he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Kline

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid R.G. Dorr Sup Co. Court.

Letter in folder dated April 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.26188, it appears that Jacob Kline was born January 1, 11760, at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York. While a resident of Taghkanic, New York, he enlisted in May 1778 and served one month as a private in Captain TenBroeck's New York Company. He enlisted May 1, 1779, and served 6 months as a private in Captain Jacob Kline's (his father) New York Company. He was allowed pension on his

application executed May 31, 1833, while a resident of Egremont, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He died at that place August 20, 1841.

The name of his first wife is not stated. He married October 4, 1814, at Hillsdale Columbia County, New York, Lucy Weed. She was allowed pension on her application executed November 2, 1853, while a resident of Egremont, Massachusetts. She died September 20, 1882, aged 100 years and 16 days. Their children were:

Mark born September 19, 1815, residing in Egremont in 1855.

George born November 17, 1818, residing in Egremont in 1855.

Lucius born July 30, 1820, not living in 1855.

Lucy born July 29, 1823, not living in 1855.