

Pension Application for Carl Mickle

R.7154 (Widow: Catrina) No deposition from Carl in this file. Married August 1769. Carl died April 3, 1836, 95 years of age.

In the case of Catrina Mickle an applicant for pension under the Act of July 4, 1836, the following allowance has been made 3 months in the fall of 1777 and twenty five days in 1781. The service performed in the fall of 1776—3 months, and in the fall of 1778 6 weeks was disallowed upon the ground that the witness, Leiut Jacob Vann Alstyne spoke of this service rather as a matter of belief, than of his knowledge.

By reference to Mr. VanAlstynes affidavit it will appear that he makes this statement with regard to the service enumerated viz.

“He is able to call to mind two occasions upon which he” (Carl Mickle) “Served in company with him”. &c. This stated express and positive, but he adds with regard to the service in 1776 that “he verily believes” &c. This is stated express and positive, but he adds with regard to the service in 776 that “he verily believes” &c. Giles F. Yates Esq who examined this witness states that “he gave his testimony clearly & distinctly”, & “That he had a particular & positive recollection” thereof. The express therefore “verily believes” was not intended to imply a doubt further than such as any witness might have of an event which occurred seventy years ago. It appeared to be as clear as the recollection of his own service upon a statement of which he received his pension. With regard to the service in 1778 there is no doubt expressed. The expression is positive “Said Mickle was there on duty also”. There only occasion for doubt is the length of time. It could not have been less than six weeks and it might have been three months. The witness thinks it was only six weeks. The militia were called upon that time to garrison the forts and served all of them at least six weeks & some for three months.

This the witness VanAlstyne has often stated. Mr Yates will make affidavit to the facts stated in his letter but will not probably be required to do so by Mr. Edwards, who knows him to be an honest & honorable man. [Document not identified or signed. Though it refers to an affidavit from Carl Mickle, it is not in his file.]