

Pension Application for Jacob Sickles

W.18186 (Widow: Hannah or Annaetye Van Orden – former widow) Married June 19, 1780 Annaetye Tenure,
Private & Ensign, Captain Sickles, Col. Hay.
State of New York
Rockland County SS.

On this ninth day of November 1839 personally appeared before me Cornelius J. Blauvelt one of the Judges in and for said county, Hannah VanOrder whose maiden name was Hannah Tenure, a resident of the town of Orange in the county aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3^d 1837.

That she was married to Jacob Sickles, who was a private and a Ensign in a company whereof William Sickles was Capt. until the year 1778 when John M. Hogencamp was appointed Capt. and so continued to the end of the Revolutionary War, in Col A. Hawkes Hay's Regiment. That in the month of July in the year 1776, the British having sailed up the Hudson River, her said husband then belong[ed] to the company commanded by Capt. Sickles Capt. John J. Blauvelt aforesaid was ordered out to guard along said river to prevent their landing and served from as early as the fifteenth of said month until the end thereof being at least as half a month, as a private. That on the last day of July or the first of August in said year, the said Jacob Sickles enlisted at Nyack for five months, in a company commanded by James Smith as Capt. in Col. Isaac Nichol's Regiment as a private and went to Kings Bridge where they lay encamped until the British took possession of New York, when they retreated to White Plains, and after the battle was fought there, retreated to Peakskill where they lay encamped until the first of January 1777—the term of enlistment being expired he was discharged and returned home.

That early in the year 1777, the different companies was put into classes so that one fourth part thereof should be on duty at one time the remainder at home to attend to their domestick concerns and relive in weekly tours. In which mannder her said husband did serve, serving at least one week in each month from April to December in that year, said months included making not less than eight weeks.

That in the year 1778 her said husband first served as Corporal under Capt. Sickles until he was appointed Ensign in said company as will appear by the annexed Commission and served during the remainder of said war as Ensign, and as such did not serve in regular tours either as to particular times or of particular lengths of duty by reason whereof she at this late period is unable to set forth the exact amount of duty performed or the day or month in which he was out on duty, but agreeable to all she has heard related respecting the troubles and difficulties that the inhabitants underwent and the British Refugees and Tories plundering the inhabitants and taken such as they could prisoners. That the militia had to serve more than the fourth part of their time and all the positive testimony that she now can officer in proof of the service rendered by her said husband as Ensign is the annexed certificate of the Comptroller but feel[s] confident that much more service was rendered than is there credited during the years 1778, 1779, 1781 & 1782, as in the month of September in 1778, the company was out more than one month and the said Jacob with them and much service was rendered during the years 1779 & 1780 which is not contained in said certificate. That owing to the great length of time since the services was rendered and the few aged and infirm soldiers who yet remain, and most of then [them] nearly lost all recollection of the services, she has but very recent[ly] been enabled to obtain sufficient testimony to bring her claim under the acts of Congress and has endeavoured to set it forth as truly as her memory would enable her to do.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Sickles by the Rev'd Samuel Verbruyck on the nineteenth day of June—in the year seventeen hundred and eighty that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Sickles, died on the eighth day of May—seventeen hundred and eighty four, that she

was afterwards married to Peter VanOrden, who died on the twenty third day of November eighteen hundred and thirty three and that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836, and still remains a widow as will more fully appear be reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Hannah VanOrden

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me. Corn. J. Blauvelt, Judge of Com'n Pleas