

Pension Application for Jesse Truesdale

W.20106 (Former Widow: Hannah VanScoy) Hannah Keeler and Jesse married January 15, 1787. Jesse died June 18, 1792. Hannah married Abel VanScoy October 8, 1799. He died February 20, 1841.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 and the 23rd August 1842.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this thirty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me Wheeler Gilbert one of the Judges of the Dutches [Dutchess] County Courts in and for said County personally appeared Hannah Vanscoy a resident of the town of Pawling in said County aged Seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838 and the 23rd of August 1843 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war.

That she is the widow of Jesse Truesdale who in the revolutionary war resided in the town of North Salem in WestChester County and belonged in a Militia Company commanded by his father Captain Jesse Truesdale in either Col. Crane or Col. Thomas Regiment.

That she resided a near neighbor to said Jesse Truesdale who was several times during said war out from home as a private soldier which as she now believes would in all amount to more than two years.

That she believes he the said Jesse Truesdale, was out as a soldier several times under different officers and stationed at different places in Westchester County and elsewhere for the defense of his Country sometimes enmass occasioned by the incursions of the enemy and sometimes he was occasioned by the incursions of the enemy, and sometimes he was drafted for a short period and sometimes longer and stationed in his own and neighboring Counties & sometimes volunteered under the office of his own company and regiment and sometimes under officers detached from other Companies and Regiments and also under officers of the Levies or Continental line but owing to old age infirmity and the great length of time she is unable to give the particulars of the Services of the said Jesse Truesdale except the following vix.

That in the forepart of the revolutionary [war] he was drafted for four or five months and believes under Captain Platt of the same Regiment and was stationed at or near the city of New York and White Plains for the full term of four or five months and returned home.

She further declares that she believes he was afterwards out in a campaign in a company command[ed] by his father Captain Jesse Truesdale for the term of six or seven months and was stationed on the frontier of Westchester County until discharged, he was also out on several short tours under his father the said Jesse Truesdale, but under what Colonel she does not now remember.

She further declares that she has often heard the Jesse Truesdale say that he had been in several battles and skirmishes with the enemy during the war, and at one time while on guard he killed a soldier who was an advanced guard of the enemy, and whose name was Quail.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jesse Truesdale on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Seven in said town of North Salem and that he ceremony was performed by the Reverend Abner Benedict Clergyman of the Presbyterian Church in said town of North Salem.

And that her maiden [name] previous to her marriage was Hannah Keeler and that her husband the aforesaid Jesse Keeler [Truesdale] died on the eighteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two in said town of North Salem.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to first of January Seventeen hundred and Ninety four viz at the time above stated.

She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to the Abel VanScoy on the eighth of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine in said town of North Salem by the Reverend Mr. Lewis Clergyman also of the Presbyterian Church and that her said husband Abel VanScoy died on the twentieth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one in said town of Pawling and is still a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed. (Signed with her mark) Hannah VanScoy

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me and further that from bodily infirmity said above named Hannah VanScoy the applicant in unable to attend court. Wheeler Gilbert one of the Judges of the County Courts of Dutchess County.

Letter in folder dated April 2, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the record of Jesse Truesdell (sometimes Truesdale), Senior a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the services of Jesse Truesdell or Truesdale as described by you.

You are furnished herein the record of the only soldier named Jesse Truesdale found in the Revolutionary War records of this office, and the data contained therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.20106, based upon his military service in the Revolutionary War.

Jesse Truesdale, while a resident of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, enlisted early in the war and served as a private in the New York troops, as follows:--three months in Captain Benoni Platt's company; three months in Captain Gilbert dean's company; three months in Captain David Pardee's company; and six or seven months in Captain Jesse Truesdale's (soldier's father) company, Colonel Thomas' regiment, and was in several battles and skirmishes, no names given.

Soldier married January 15, 1787, in North Salem, New York, Hannah Keeler. He died June 18, 1792, in North Salem, New York.

Soldier's widow, Hannah, married October 8, 1799, in North Salem, New York, Abel VanScoy, who died February 20, 1841, in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

Hannah VanScoy was allowed pension on account of the services of her former husband, Jesse Truesdale, on her application executed October 31, 1843, at which time she was living in Pawling, New York, aged seventy-five years.

Jesse Truesdale and his wife, Hannah, had two children: Jeremiah K. Trusdale, born March 1789, married Deborah____, and died prior to 1843. The name of the other child is not given.

There is no claim for pension on file on account of the service of soldier's father.