

Pension Application for Mathew or Methew VanDeusen

R.10851 Note in file: "Printed List of 1852 of Rejected & Suspended claims shows cause of rejection as follows. "Alleged service by his slave as a substitute of which service there is no proof.

State of New York

Columbia County SS

On this twenty third day of March Eighteen hundred and forty two, Personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court (now setting begin a Court of Record) Mathew Vandeusen aged eighty three years, who being duly sworn according to law, Doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and belonged to Col. Robert Vanrensselaer Regiment in Captain Houks Company and in the fore part of the war was drafted and went to Saratoga County to Palmertown—Saratoga—Stillwater—and other places to the north, but from the length of time old age and loss of memory cannot remember all the different tours nor the time I entered or left the Service, but must depend on the returns if any was made but can say was not less than six months.

And further this deponent testifies that in the time of the Revolution he owned a slave a (Colored man) by the name of [Lun?] Van Dusen that this deponent was often drafted and sent the said Lun in his place, and that the said Lun went to the north to Ticonderoga, Stillwater, and served in different Companies all which will appear by the proof annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity of Pension except the present. And Declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Methew VanDeusen

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written. Wm. E. Heath
Justice.

Letter in folder dated May 26, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letters of recent date in which you request the record of Matthew Van Dusen, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

You are furnished below the history of Methew Van Deusen (as he signed his name), the only soldier of that name, or of similar spelling, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown in the claim.

Methew Van Deusen applied for pension March 23, 1842, while a resident of Columbia County, New York, and aged eighty-three years.

He alleged that he belonged to Captain Houk's company and Colonel Robert Van Rensselaer's New York regiment, and early in the Revolutionary War was drafted and went to Palmerstown, Saratoga and Stillwater, and that he served not less than six months, also, that during the Revolution he owned a slave, Lun Van Dusen, a

colored man, whom he sent on a number of ours of service for which he (Methew) was drafted.

The claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension law.

There are no family data in the claim.