

Pension Application for Benjamin Van Steenbergh

S.23039

Letter in folder dated August 31, 1912, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 21st and received the 23rd instant, you are advised that from the appears in claim Sur. File No. 23,039, it appears that Benjamin Van Steenbergh was born March 21, 1759, at Kingston, New York, where he resided when he enlisted and served as a private in the New York troops as follows: In 1776, under Captain Moses Cantine, five months; 1777, under Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker, five months; 1778 under Captain Henry Pawling, Colonel Albert Pawling, nine months 1779 under Captain Everett Bogardus, Colonel Rathorn, three months; 1781 under Captain Moses Yeomans, Major Houghtaling, six months.

Soldier died June 20, 1832, leaving no widow, and his pension was allowed on an application made June 10, 1834, to his only surviving children. Susan aged forty-eight years, wife of Henry Whitaker, and Elizabeth aged fifty-two years, wife of John P.L. Osterhoudt, residents of Kingston, New York.