

Pension Application for James Van Vorst

R.10902 (Widow: Wilmot or Williampe) James and Wilmot Trueax married June 2, 1788. He died January 27, 1837. James was born Feb 3, 1762, Williampe was born Feb 15, 1767.

Yellis Van Vorst was born Oct 8, 1789.

Peter Van Vorst was born Feb 1st 1792.

James Van Vorst was born Sep 5th 1795.

Nancy Van Vorst was born Dec 9, 1799.

Elizabeth Van Vorst was born Nov 6, 1805.

Sophia Van Vorst was born Jan? 14, 1807.

Catharine Van Vorst was born Dec 13, 1818

William T. Van Vorst was born Feb 25, 1819.

Peter F. Miller was born Jan 22, 1820.

Sarah Van Vorst was born Nov 3, 1820.

Ann Elizabeth Clute was born May 26 1821.

James Andrew Miller born July 30, 1921.

Anna Van Vorst was born June 10, 1823.

State of New York

Schenectady County SS

On this 21st day of March 1881 approved in open court held before the undersigned County Judge of said County.

Wilmot Van Vorst who being duly sworn according to law declares on her oath and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, granting pensions to officers and soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War and to the widows of those officers and soldiers.

That she is the widow of James Van Vorst deceased formerly of the City of Schenectady that she was married June 2, 1788 by Revd Richard Romaine since deceased and that her name before marriage was Wilmot Trueax, that her said husband died at the town of Little Falls, Herkimer County State of New York on the 27th day of January A.D. 1837 and that she has remained his widow ever since and has never been married to any other person and is now a widow and eighty four years of age.

That she is informed & believes that her said husband was a Revolutionary soldier, as she has been informed by him and others, and that he was appointed Baggage Master sometime in the Spring of 177 and continued in that office till the Winter of 1780, that her said husband first entered the service in Colonels Wemples Regiment in captains Van Sise company of the Malitia [Militia] and while in that service received the appointment of baggage master and acted under the command of Henry Glen Commissary stationed at the City of Schenectady and received his orders from time to time from him and that her husband had a number of teams and hands employed under him engaged in said service during the time aforesaid that her husband as she is informed and believes was engaged in carrying baggage and

military stores for the Army up the Mohawk River and for the Northern Army along and up the Mohawk River and for the Northern army along and up the North River and to Schoharie and to the different posts and stations where the army was located, that she has possession of the family Bible and that she has always had the possession of it that leaves hereto annexed, containing an account of her marriage and the decease of her husband were cut out of the family Bible and that in the fire of 1819 in this place the papers of her husband were destroyed some of which were from his officers and in reference to the services from time to time performed by him, but the particular contents of said papers declarant can't say but as she has been informed by her said husband in his life time, related to business concerning the transportation of baggage and munitions of War, and that she has no other evidence or record of her marriage except the depositions here to annexed.

And further that she had no knowledge or belief that she was entitled to a pension on account of the services of her said husband in said war till very recently so informed, that all her children are above the age of twenty one years, that her name before marriage was Williampe Treux, which is the Dutch for Wilmont, Treaux in English.

And the said Judge holding the said Court do certify that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to the said Court by the depositions of the declarant and of Philop A. Treux James J. VanVorst, John Burk all credible witnesses, that the said James Van Vorst did serve in the Revolutionary War for the period therein mentioned and in the capacity aforesaid, that the said James Van Vorst died serve in the Revolutionary War for the period therein mentioned and in the capacity aforesaid, that the said James Van Vorst was married to said Wilmot Treux on the 27 June 1788 and died on the 27th of January 1837 leaving the said Wilmot him surviving that she has remained a widow ever since. And further that it also appears satisfactory to this court that in the early part of the said War the said James served in Col Wemple's Regiment in Captain Van Sice's company and while in such service he received the appointment of baggage master that all of her children are all above Twenty One years of age that her name in Dutch was Williampe Truax6 and is so entered in said Bible as by the leaves enclosed which were cut out of said family Bible [?] and sworn to by the declarant in my presence will appear that she formerly wrote but is now unable to do so from weakness of her hand. (Signed with her mark) Wilmot Van Vorst.

In testimony whereof I the said Judge, holding a Surrogates Court as aforesaid have herewith subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of the Surrogates Court, the 21st day of March AD 1851. J. W. Jones, County Judge of Scty County.