

Pension Application for Nicholas Yates

W.18200 (Widow: Rebecca VanVranken or VanVrenken, former widow) Married March 3, 1782. Nicholas died Sept 15, 1795. Ensign & Lieut in the company commanded by Captain Fonda, Regt commanded by Col. Wemple in the N. York Militia. Rebecca was later married to Cornelius Van Vranken who died May 28, 1803.

Declaration of Rebecca VanVranken in order to obtain the benefits of the 3d Section of the Act of 4th July 1836, and of the 1st Section of the act of 3d March 1837.

State of New York SS

On this 15th day of July 1837, personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada in said State, Rebecca VanVranken, a resident of the City of Schenectada in said County aged eighty years, who, being first duly; sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3d 1837.

That she was married to Nicholas Yates, who was an Ensign in the 2d Regiment of Militia in the District of Schenectada in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel from the time of his appointment as such Ensign to wit, from the 20th day of October 1775, until the 25th day of February 1780, when he was promoted to the office of Second Lieutenant in said Regiment in the Company commanded by Captain Jellis A. Fonda as will appear by the proof hereto subjoined—and that said Nicholas Yates continued to serve as such Second Lieutenant until the end of the revolutionary war—and that the particular terms or periods of his services as such Ensign and Lieutenant are set forth in the Depositions hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Yates on the third day of march (1782) one thousand seven hundred & eighty two, that her husband the aforesaid Nicholas Yates died on the fifteenth day of September 1795, that she was afterwards married to Cornelius VanVranken, who died on the 28th day of May 1803 and that she was a widow on the fourth day of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed) Rebecca Van Vranken

Subscribed & Sworn to the day & year first above written before me. S.W. Jones, First Judge of Schy county.

And the aforesaid declarant Rebecca VanVranken, being further duly sworn saith, that she remembers that her aforesaid husband Nicholas Yates served I the campaign which eventuated in the Capture of Burgoyne & his army for a period of at least three months—When her said husband started on from the day he did so, until his return home he was absent for a term of nearly four months, and this deponent verily believes he was during the whole of that period on duty as Ensign—and she further saith, that she cannot recollect the particulars of the other services of her said husband any further than that he served in all the expeditions he was called upon to

serve in –at the Heldeberghs, Stone Arabia—when Caughnawaga & other settlements along the Mohawk Valley were destroyed by the enemy in 1780 on two occasions in the Spring & fall of that year & for a period each time of not less than two weeks.

And the said Rebecca VanVranken being further duly sworn saith, that she was married at the time in her declaration set forth by the Rev'd Barent Vrooman then pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada in the City, then township of Schenectada, and that the following named individuals were present at her wedding to wit—

Margaret Swits, Hermanus Wendell, Harriet Wendell Cornelia Wendell, Robert Smith, Jellis A. Fonda, John Brandt & Margaret Yetes all of whom have long since departed this life except the aforementioned Margaret Swits & Margaret Yates—and that she has no record of her marriage. (Signed) Rebeccah VanVranken

Subscribed & Sworn this 15th day of July 1837 before me. S. W. Jones, First Judge of Schy County.