

Pension Application for John Buys

W.16203 (Widow: Leah) Married 1770.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

Samuel Youngs of the town of Greenburgh in said county being duly sworn on his oath saith that in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five he became acquainted with John Buys who was then a sergeant in Captain William Dutchess uniform company of militia of the said county; that said Dutchess Company was enlisted from a Regiment of militia then commanded by Colonel Joseph Drake afterwards commanded by Lieutenant Col. James Hammond; that the said Dutchess Company was raised by an order from the provincial Congress but under the direction of the Committee of Safety of said County; that the said deponent well recollects that the said company was called out and continued three weeks in service in disarming the tories in said County in the summer of the year seventeen hundred and seventy five; that in the early part of the summer of the year seventeen hundred and seventy six the said Captain Dutchess Company was ordered to march to Fort Independence in the said County, that the deponent saw the said John Buys several time during that summer while he was stationed at Fort Independence; that a few days before the battle at White Plain in the fall of the year, seventeen hundred and seventy six the deponent was at the quarters of the said John Buys still in the service in said Company; that he afterwards saw him in said company while it was at the quarters of the said Captain Dutcher and then saw the said John Buys still in the service in said company; that he afterwards saw him in said company while it was on its march from White Plains to NorthCastle and also while at Peekskill in the fall of the same year the day before the time he enlisted for expired that the period for which he enlisted was he thinks five months or six months.

And the deponent further saith that in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six—by an order of the committee of safety of said county a company of about one hundred men was raised for actual service and put under the command of Captain Sybert Acker and stationed on the lines in said county, at several military posts established for the defence of the country, that the said John Buys belonged to the said company raised as aforesaid and served in the same for the term of six months commencing in the month of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and ending in the month of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven; that about two hundred men was then raised from the militia Regiments in the said county for the term of three months and put under the command of the said Lieut Colonel James Hammond and Major Strang who established their head quarters at the house of Joseph Youngs the father of this deponent that the said Capt. Sybert Acker commanded the company raised in the vicinity of Tarrytown in said county, that the said John Buys was a sergeant in said company and served out said term of three months, that at the expiration of that term another regiment of Levies was raised from the counties of Dutchess and Westchester consisting of about four or five hundred men for the term of four months and put under the command of Col. Luddington and the said Lieut Col., James Hammond who established their head quarters at the house of the said Joseph Youngs, that the said Captain Sybert Acker again commanded the company raised from said Hammond's Regiment and that the said John Buys was again a sergeant in that company and served and served out the whole of that term; that the term of service of the said Luddington's Regiment expired some time in the month of November 1777, when the American lines in said County was left wholly to be defended by the militia of said Hammonds Regiment; that about one half of that Regiment was again called into the service and put under the command of the militia officers of said Regiment; that the said John Buys was in that service for the period of six months commencing in the month of November 1777 and ending in the month of May 1778, when another Regiment of levies was raised from the Counties of Westchester and Dutchess for the term of nine months and put under the command of Col. Morris Graham who in the latter part of April or the first of May 1778 established his head quarters at the house of said Youngs, that he said Captain Sybert Acker again commanded the

company raised from said Hammonds's Regiment as a part of said Levies and that the said John Buys was again a sergeant in said Ackers company and served as such during that term.

And the deponent further saith that the said John Buys again entered the said service some time in the month of May 1779 in the company of militia commanded by George Comb in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond and continued in said service on the lines in the said county until the expiration of one year than next ensuing and was then honorably discharged that he served during that term as a sergeant and the deponent further saith that the name of the said John Buys was sometimes spelled Boyce and sometimes Buys was sometime spelled Boyce and sometimes Buys but he cannot state by which he was enrolled. And the deponent further saith that the said John Buys was married to Leah now his widow in the year seventeen hundred and seventy according to the record of the Cutch Church—and that he said John Buys died several years ago, and that the said Leah has remained a widow ever since that period. (Signed) Saml Youongs.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of January 1838 before me. Aaron Vark, one of the Judges of the County of WestChester