

Pension Application for Dirk Hansen

W.16726 (Widow: Haken Linn, former widow) Married by Colonel James Livingston by the Rev. Doct Westerlo, minister of the Dutch Church in Albany. They were married at the residence of Doct Westerlo. She stated in a deposition the reason They weren't married in Rensselaerwyck, now town of Greenbush was that they wanted it kept private as her intentions were unknown to her family.

B.L.Wt.981-300-Capt. Issued July 13, 1790. Name recorded as Dirck Hanson. No papers.

State of New York

Secretary's Office

I certify that it appears by the military register in this office that Dirk Hansen was commissioned as a Captain in Col. James Livingston's Regiment on the 18th day of December 1776 and was mustered to January 1781—

It also appears by the Balloting book of the commissioners of the Land Office of this State and by the records of patents in this office that three lots of Land of 600 acres each were granted to the said Captain Dirk Hansen pursuant to the Laws of this State in relation to lands promised to be given as Bounty lands—

See a printed copy of the said Balloting book in the pension office at Washington page 58—

See also page 21 of said book certain resolutions of the commissioners of the Land Office in relation to officers & soldiers of the Line of this State entitled to bounty lands from which it appears that the said Captain Hanson was considered by his services as fully entitled to the grant aforesaid. Arch'd Campbell Dep. Secretary

Albany May 13, 1837.

State of New York

Schenectady County SS.

On this 18th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid, Helen Linn, a resident of the City of Schenectady in the county aforesaid in the seventy seventh year of her age, who is now and has been for a year past confined to her room by reason of old age and bodily infirmity, and is altogether unable to attend and be qualified in Court; and who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her 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 3, 1837.

That she was married to Dirk Hansen, then a Captain in the Revolutionary Army, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Livingston, in the New York Line.

That after her marriage with the said Captain Hansen he was variously employed in the army, the particular services he rendered she cannot, at this distance of time, specify, excepting that she recollects generally the direction in. which he went,

which was to the frontiers, north and west of Albany and down along the Hudson river, southwards, and has always born in mind, that he was at the surrender of Cornwallis. After her marriage, she distinctly remembers, that he was on a tour of duty for at least a year and a half visiting her but once, not to exceed twice, in that time.

That afterwards his absences from home were not so long, he visited his family more frequently, and continued with them longer at a time, but always more or less from home, engaged in his duties as an officer, to the close of the war. She particularly remembers, from some affecting circumstances attending the transaction, that towards the close of the war, he was ordered down the River to apprehend some Tories or disaffected persons.

He wore his uniform to the close of the war, particularly his cockade. Captain Hansen was always, after the war, considered and treated as a soldier who had served his country to the end of it, and that he did continue to the end this deponent knows and avers to be true.

She further declares, that she cannot say precisely in which of the two years she was married to Captain Hansen, 1779 or 1780, but that she was married in one of them she is confident, as her first child was born in 1782, and was two or three years married before we had a child.

She says that she has no record of her marriage; if one was kept by her fathers family, she does not now know when it is, and that it is probably lost, her family being ruined and dispersed by the war, and never reestablished. That in Captain Hansen's family also there is no record of her marriage.

That if one was kept, it is either lost, or beyond her power to have access to it.

That it was in one of the two years specified, she is further confirmed from the fact that she attended the wedding of Nicholas VanRensselaer, whose affidavit is hereto annexed, and that she was there a married woman, and had been, as well as she can recollect, about a year perhaps a little more or less.

She further declares, that Dirk Hansen, her said husband died in June 1799; that she was afterwards to wit, 1800, married to the Rev. Vort, William Linn, who died in January 1807, and that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.
(Signed) Helen Linn

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Geo. McQueen. Judge Court Common Pls, County of Schenectady