

Pension Application for Derrick Hunn

W.18069 (Widow: Anna) Dec. 8, 1782, Derrick married Annatje Lansing in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of Albany by Reverend Eliardus Westerlo DD, minister of the church. Derrick died March 7, 1795. Anna died Jan 11, 1845. Pension paid to surviving children: Gertrude Hunn, Eleanor Cushney, Elsis Newkirk, Sarah Hunn, and Cathalina Wendell.

State of New York SS.

On this fifteenth day of April 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Montgomery Anna Hunn a resident of the town of Mohawk in the County of Montgomery aforesaid and State of New York, aged nearly seventy seven years, 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:

That she is the widow of Derrick Hunn who was an Assistant Commissary to the Hospital, and on joining commissary in General [?] expedition in 1779 & for the last years of the revolutionary war served in the Department of the Quarter Master General as set forth in the annexed affidavits.

The further declares that she was married by the Rev. Mr. Westerloo of Albany & that Lansing was her maiden name.

She further declares that she was married to the said Derrick Hunn on the ninth day of December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two that her husband, the aforesaid Derrick Hunn, died on the seventh day of March 1795 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written before me the said Judge & I certify that said Anna Hunn is unable to attend Court by reason of bodily infirmity. (Signed) Anna Hunn

John Hand a Judge of the County Court of the County of Montgomery.

The deposition of Simon J. Vrooman of Oswego in the State of New York from the City of Schenectada aged seventy nine years, who testified and saith that he receives a pension under the act of 7th June 1832, having been a private soldier and Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.

That during said war the place of his residence when not with the army was the said City, then township of Schenectada and he then became acquainted with the many of the Inhabitants of said township and among the rest with Derrick Hunn, in behalf of whose widow, application is now being made for a pension under the act of July 183[?].

During the years 1775 and 1776 this deponent's father Jacob Vrooman Nicholas or Claus Veeder and others were captains of Companies of Carpenters and did service in the QuarterMaster's Department under General Schuyler and the Deputy Quarter Master General for the time being.

In the year 1775 said companies were engaged in the building boats and doing other fatigue duty at Ticonderoga, and in that neighborhood preparatory to the then contemplated invasion of Canada and in the year 1776 at Whitehall and other places performing similar duties.

In the first or second week of March 1777 he this deponent commenced service under Colonel Christopher Yates, Deputy QuarterMaster General and continued so to serve until October in the year last named or for the term of nearly seven months at Fort Ann, Stillwater and with Major General Arnold's division up the Mohawk Valley and was during this term of his service all the time actively engaged as assistant to said Colonel Yates and took part in several skirmishes with the enemy.

In the forepart of the summer of the year 1778 he served for two months and more under said Colonel Yates at Saratoga and elsewhere and during these two terms of his service last named, he was under the immediate command of said Colonel Yates.

In the summer of the year 1778 he this deponent engaged in an expedition to the middle fort of Schoharie and performed Garrison duty there for the term of at least four weeks, with a detachment of Militia from said township under command of Colonel Abraham Wemple, Captain John Mynderse and Lieutenant James H. Peck.

In the spring of the year 1779 he again performed a tour of duty in the Department of the QuarterMaster General at Saratoga under the immediate command of said Colonel Yates for the term of at least four weeks. In the summer of the year last named he did the like duty under Colonel Yates at Canajoharie and Lake Otsego for at least four weeks.

In the fall of the year 1778, he served with the Schenectada Militia at Fort Herkimer for the term of four weeks under the immediate command of James H. Peck, Lieutenant.

In the fall of the same year he this deponent did garrison duty at Fort Paris in Stone Arabia for the term of three months under the immediate command of John Mynderse and Lieutenant James H. Peck of the Schenectada Militia.

In the forepart of the summer of the year 1780 he this deponent with a detachment of Militia to Beaverdam in pursuit of one Captain Pall and 50 of Butler's Rangers and took two men prisoners. Major Wemple had command of this expedition and the term of this tour was two or three days.

A few days thereafter he marched with a like detachment under command of Lieutenant James H. Peck, Captain John Mynderse and others to a place southwest of Albany and served in this last named tour two or three days.

In his capacity as a private afterwards as a Lieutenant of the New York levies or State Troops he served for the months of July, August & September 1780, he was then attached to Malcolm's Regiment and five weeks thereafter to Lewis Dubois' Regiment, Captain John Burnet.

During this term he marched up the Mohawk Valley—to Fort Plain, Albany, West Point, Fishkill and Dobbs Ferry. He was ordered by Colonel Malcolm to remain on duty after three months, the term of his engagement had expired and he did

remain on duty accordingly for one month and two weeks until relieved by Captain Dunscomb and Lieutenant Freligh.

In the year 1781, he this deponent served as first Lieutenant in the company of Captain Lawrence Gross, Timothy Hutton, second Lieutenant, for the term of nine months in the Counties of Tryon and Herkimer from April to 1st January 1782.

He this deponent has thus given a brief detail of his services for the sake or more ready reference to those of said Derick Hunn and according to the best of his recollection said Derrick Hunn did serve in the expedition last year of the war to the end thereof as a QuarterMaster or in some similar capacity and that said Derrick Hunn was previous thereto a Commissary in the Hospital Department but of the particulars of such services this deponent cannot give any specification except that he served at least two years. (Signed) Simon J. Vrooman

Sworn this 11th day of July 1830, before me I certify that said Simon J. Vrooman is a credible witness. Roswell Perry J.P.