

Pension Application for Andrew or Andries Onderdonk

W.15844 (Widow: Mary) Mary Vanhouten and Andries Onderdonk were married December 25, 1779. Andries died January 31, 1835.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty eight day of November in the year A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] now sitting, Andres Onderdonk, a resident of the town of Ramapo in the County of Rockland, aged seventy six years the twelfth day of April 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of March 1776, I enlisted in the town of Hampstead(now Ramapo) for four months in a company commanded by Capt. Gilbert Cooper, John D. Coe and John Vanderbilt was under officers, called minute men, and and [sic] went to New York and was stationed sometime at a place called Bunkers hill, near the City and then returned home where I served at every call of the officers until my time was expired, then about the last of July or the first of August, of the same year, I at a place called Nyack, enlisted for five months, in a company whereof Jacob Doronder was Capt. Isaac Coe and John D. Coe was Lieut in Col'n Nicholas's Regiment and marched from thence to Haverstraw where we remained some time, then went to Redhills near Peekskill where we lay until the first of Jany 1777 when we were discharged and I came home.

I then in the year 1777, but what time I do not recollect, enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Aury King for two months and lay at Stony Point where we remained, part of our time employed in repairing the fourt [fort?] until the British Army drove us off and after they had left the place we again returned to our station and remained there until my time was expired, on being discharged from that service I served with the militia in a company commanded by Capt Hendrick Tenure, Vout VanOrden and Thomas Blauvelt Lieut in a regiment commanded by Capt. A. Hawkes Hay and served with them until the latter part of the month of October 1778, when I enlisted in a company of Rangers, commanded by Capt Garret Onderdonk for two months and served most of the time in Bergen County, State of New Jersey, when that term was expired I enlisted in a company commanded by Capt Ganer and how long I served therein I do not now recollect but after I left that company I again served with the Militia under my foresaid Capt. Tenure and other officers, the regiment being under the command of Gilbert Cooper then Col'n to the close of the war, and while serving under Capt Tenure, the militia being divided into four classes I had to serve the fourth week throughout and exclusive of that service I had to be out on every alarm, which was very—often as I have been out three times in one week, and I had very little time during the whole war to do any other work, except in the severity of the winter when I had a little rest, and when in service we had to guard along the shour

[shore] of the Hudson river, and traverse the now County of Rockland and the county of Bergen to prevent as far as possible the British army, assisted by the Tories, from plundering the inhabitants of every article that was of any value, burning up ;their dwellings and taking them prisoners which was sometimes done, as every person that was a true friend to his country had but little peace at home, and I do sincerely believe that I served my country eighteen months exclusive of my enlistments, that I have no documentary evidence of my services, as I believe I never received a written discharge, and all the positive testimony I can offer, is some of my surviving partners in the war.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension rool [roll] of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Andres Onderdonk.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this twenty eighth day of November 1802. David Pye