

Pension Application for James Onderdonk

R.16843 (Widow: Rachel)

James Onderdonk departed this life August 16th 1806 aged 54 years & 22 days.

James F. Onderdonk departed this life September the 3rd 1828 aged 43 year and 4 months 10 day.

Rachel Onderdonk departed this life March the [20th?] 1838 aged 84 years 6 months 6 days.

James Onderdonk born July 4, 1752.

Rachel Onderdong born Sept 15, 1752.

Sarah her first daughter Jan 14, 1781.

Rachel her second daughter Sept 21, 1782.

James our first son [March?] 24, 1785.

[?] her third daughter Decm'r 12, 1787.

Garrett her second son Decm'r 5, 1790

[more listed, not legible.]

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty first day of May 1850, personally appeared at a County Court held at the Courthouse in Clarkstown, in and for the said county by the Hon'l William F. Fraser County Judge, Garret J. Onderdonk a resident of the town of Ramapo, in said county, aged fifty nine 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 the 4th 1836.

That he with Rachel Cooper wife of John G. Cooper, and Elsyne Jesup wife of William Jesup, all residents in said county, are the only surviving children of the late Rachel Onderdonk who was the widow of James Onderdonk who was a

That in the year 1776 the said James Onderdonk then residing in the beat of Capt Henry Tourneur in Coln A. Hawk Hays regiment that on or about the first of July in said year, the British War vessels was sailed up the Hudson River and lay in Tappan and Haverstraw Bays, when the Militig [militia?] was called in mass and stationed along the said river to guard the shores to prevent their landing to plunder and destroy when his farther [father] the said James Onderdonk was called out and guarded as aforesaid untill the first of August, when he enlisted as a private for five months in a company whereof Jacob Deronda was Capt in Coln Isaac Nicholas Regiment and went to Haverstraw, then crossed the Hudson River and went to a place called Red Hills, in Westchester county, and there was stationed making fortifications and guarding and remained there until sometime in December when they recrossed the river and came to Clarkstown where he was discharged on the first of January 1777, having served out the term of his enlistment.

That early in the spring of the year 1777, the different companies in Coln Hays regiment was divided into classes of four men in each, that each man in a class should serve one week in every four weeks and that the said James Onderdonk did so serve during the year 1777, 78, 79 and 80 until the fall of the said last year, as a private

until the said last year, when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant or Sergeant Major under the said Capt Tourneer a guarding along the shores of the Hudson River or in tours in the State of New Jersey to Closter the Liberty pole, Schralenberg, Hackensack and other routs [routes] they had to take and several not less than two months, during each of the said years in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That the said James Onderdonk died on the sixteenth day of August 1806 and left Rachel his widow to whom he was legally married by the Revd Samuel Verbryk on twenty seventh day of March 1780 of which marriage there is no church record to be found and the only record of such marriage that he can offer is the accompanying record which is in the hand writing of his father the said James Onderdonk. That his mother the widows of the said James Onderdonk died on the thirtieth day of March in the year 1838.

And the said deponent doth further say, that he has above set forth the services that was rendered by the said James Onderdonk during the Revolutionary war, as truly as he is embled so to do from the statements made by his parents and information otherwise recive[d] to prove the services by parole testimony is now out of his power as there is not a single person now alive in this county who served during the said war, and have only to ask the commissioner of Pensions to refer to the declarations Garret Oblenis, Andres Onderdonk and Garret Sarven as to the five months service above set forth.

And your deponent doth further say, that until March of the present year he was never informed and did not know that his mother, the widow of James Onderdonk was entitled to a pension under the act of Congress when that information was received from the agent for paying pensions in the City of New York or application would have been made in the life times of his mother when proof of the services could have been obtained. (Signed) Garret F. Onderdonk

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 21st day of May 1850. Abrm Debaun Deputy Clerk of the County of Rockland.