

Pension Application for Christopher Van Deuzen or Van Duzer or Van Dusen

W.18192 (Widow: Julianna) Married Jan 21, 1772. Christopher died September 22, 1812.

State of New York

Orange County

On the thirtieth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred thirty eight personally appeared before the subscriber James G. Clinton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid, Julianna VanDeuze a Resident of the Village of NewBurgh, in the County and state aforesaid aged eighty six 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 4th 1836.

That she is the is the [sic] widow of Christopher Vandeuze otherwise called Christian Vandeuze who was the Captain of a Company of Militia, which belonged to the Regiment commanded by colonel Woodhull of the County aforesaid. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War, the said Christian Vandeuze lived in the Town of Cornwall in said County of Orange, and was Lieutenant of a Company of which one Peters was captain. As soon as the war had commenced the said Peters resigned his commission, and the said Christian Vandeuze was appointed Captain in his place. L William Rowe was first Lieutenant of said company, Obediah Smith Second Lieutenant, and Gilbert Weeks Ensign.

The said company of Captain Vandeuze was a company of Militia, land was divided into detachments, which stood guard alternately on the frontiers. In the times of General Alarms the whole company turned out, and remained at the Point threatened, untill the danger had subsided, as deponent has been informed and believes, owing to the best of said company being immediately adjoining the Southern frontier and continuous to [defiles?] Through the Highlands, some part of said Company was almost allways [almost always] in service.

Deponents memory has been greatly impaired, and much shattered by sickness and he cannot therefore state with precision, the different tours of service performed by the said Christian Vandeuze in the Revolutionary War, nor the precise duration thereof, but sure I am according to the best of my recollection, that the said Christian served at Haverstraw, Ramapos, and in the Jerseys, in all two months and a half at fort Montgomery at different times as much as eight weeks, at Minisink on the Indian frontier Four weeks, at New Windsor, Butter Hill and Nicholls Point Eight weeks, and at Fishkill six weeks, besides various other short periods of service that deponent cannot now precisely recollect; But sure I am that the said Christian Vandeuze was in the service a considerable portion of his time and that the whole amount of his services in standing guard working at Fortifications and attending to alarms was at least two years exclusive of the time spent in reconnoitering the enemy, scouring the mountains, and driving the Tories from their places.

The said Captain Vandeuze was appointed to the command of said company at the beginning of said war, and continued to serve as Captain thereof untill its

termination. Deponent has no documentary evidence relative to said service in her possession, except the commission of the said Obidiah Smith now deceased annexed hereunto. Deponent does not know any person living who served in said company of said Captain Christian Vandeuze except Henry Vandeuze and Michael Smith whose affidavits are annexed. [The commission for Obadia Smith names Christopher Vandeuze Esquire as Captain in the Cornwall Regiment of Foot.]

Deponent also saith that she was married to the said Christian Vandeuze on the twenty first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two by the Reverend Nathan Kerr deceased at that time the officiating Clergyman in the Parish of Goshen, County and State aforesaid.

That the said Captain Vandeuze died on the twenty second day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve and that she remains his widow as will more fully appear on reference to the proof hereunto annexed, and has remained his widow as will more fully appear on reference to the proof hereunto annexed, and has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Christian Vandeuze, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

And deponent also saith, that by reason of bodily infirmity she is wholly unable to attend Court. That she has been confined to her room upwards of six months, and is still confined to the same by sickness and bodily infirmity, and from her advanced age has no expectation of recovering, her former health and strength. Deponent also saith that she has not in her possession, nor does she know what has become of the Commission of the said Christian Vandeuze—but that the Commission of Obediah Smith the second Lieutenant of said Company of Christian Vandeuze and the affidavit of William Smith son of the said Obediah, is hereunto annexed. To which Commission and affidavit Deponent begs leave to refer. (Signed with her mark)
Juliana Vandeuze

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of April 1838 before me. Jas G. Clinton
a Judge of Orange County Common Pleas. Dated April 30, 1838.

Letter in folder dated May 25, 1925 written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18192 it appears that Christopher (or Christian) Van Deuze (Also spelled Van Duzer, Van Duser, Van Dusen) while a resident of Cornwall, Orange County, New York enlisted at the commencement of the Revolution as a Lieutenant in Captain Peters' Company of orange County, New York Militia and in 1775 was commissioned Captain of said militia and serviced in Colonels Woodhull, John Hathorn and Robert Van Rensselaer's New York Regiments at various times to the close of the Revolution; was in an engagement at Butter Hill near the Delaware River. He died September 22, 1812.

Soldier married January 21, 1772 in Goshen Parish, Orange County, New York, Juliana. She was the sister of Colonel Tusten who was killed by the Indians at the battle of Lackawaxen.

He was allowed pension on her application executed April 30, 1838 (on account of the services of said Captain Christopher Van Deuzer) while a resident of Newburgh, Orange County, New York aged eighty-six years.

They had children, the eldest son Isaac who was aged about sixty-five years in 1838, is the only name given.

A grandson, J. R. Van Duser, was a resident of Goshen, New York in 1838.