

Pension Application for David Van Ness

W.18188 (Widow: Hannah) David was a Captain in the regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick of the New York Line. David died December 14, 1828. Hannah died August 3, 1836.

State of New York

Columbia County SS

David Van Ness of the town of Kinderhook in the County & State aforesaid being duly sworn saith that on the 16th of February 1776 he received a commission from Congress (a part of which is prefixed) as Captain in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaack.

That he remained in the service in the above situation as Captain of the sixth company in the first regiment of the New York line of Continental troops, untill December 1776 when he received a new commission from Congress to raise a company for the said first Regiment which he did to serve three years or during the war.

That he continued in the said first Regiment as captain of the company which he had so raised, untill May 1778 when he delivered up his commission at Albany to the Marquis de la Fayette in order to be deranged.

So many soldiers had died by sickness and been killed in battle that it was found necessary to derange some of the officers among that number was this deponent.

This deponent was engaged in active service during all the above time and from the time that he received his first commission.

After being; deranged in May 1778 he received a commission from George Clinton Governor of the State of New York to seize provisions for the Continental army and continued engaged in that service untill the 23d day of October 1781 when Governor Clinton not recovering his services any longer in the above capacity, he returned home and was no more engaged in active service in the Continental Army, during the war.

This Deponent further says that he is in indigent circumstances and stands in great need of the assistance of his country for support. He has a family to support, and during the last fall was so much injured as to loose entirely the use of his right arm which is the reason of his not signing his name to this affidavit.

This deponent further says the papers prefixed to this affidavit is part of the first commission which he received from Congress in February 1776 and that the other part of said commission has been lost by time & accident and that he is the same David Van Ness named in the said Commission and has no other evidence in his power of his said services. (Signed with his mark) David Van Ness.

Sworn this 1st day of April 1818 before me. Hezekiah Dayton a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County.