

Pension Application for John Vermilya or Vermilyesr

W.11777 (Former Widow: Esther Wells)

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State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On the ninth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and eighteen before me Abijah H. Beach one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego and State of New York Personally appeared John Vermilyea aged sixty three years President in the Town of Otego in the County of Otsego who being by me first duly sworn according to Law-doeth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the provision made by the the [sic] late Act of Congress entitled “an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”, that he the John Vermilyea enlisted for during the war at the White Plains, in the State of N. York in the Month of Novem’ in the year 1777 was mustered at Fishkill in the spring following in the Compy commanded by Capt Maxfield in the Regiment Commanded by Colo Dubois in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment.

That he continued to serve in the said Regiment in the service of the United States more than two years when he hired Jonathan Oakley as his substitute whole continued to serve in s’d Regt untill he was transferred to the Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colo Lamb and continued to serve under Colo Lamb until he the said Substitute was accidentally kill’d in his Tent—when he the said John Vermilyea was call’d and again joined the Army and continue to serve in Colo Lambs Regt untill near the close of said war—when he was discharged at New Winsor near West Point in the State of New York by Colo Lamb—that he was at the Battle of Fort Constitution. That his s’d Discharge has been in his possession until about two years past when he perfectly well recollects giving it to his children who lost it. That he has no evidence of his s’d services than the certificate of the Hon’l Secty of State & the affidavits hereunto annexed. That he is in reduced Circumstances & needs the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) John Vermilya

Sworn to and subscribed the 9th day of April 1819 before me Abijah H. Beach a Judge &c as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated November 17, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to one John Vermilya 2nd, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim, W.11777, based upon his military service in that war.

John Vermilya 2nd enlisted at White Plains, New York in November 1777 and in the spring of 1778 was mustered in Captain Maxfield or Maxwell’s Company, Colonel Dubois’ New York Regiment and served more than two years; he then hired a substitute who served in ;said regiment until he was transferred to Colonel Lamb’s

Regiment of Artillery and served until he, the substitute, was accidentally killed in his tent, when John Vermilya was called, served in Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery; was in a battle at Fort Constitution and was discharged near the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 9, 1818 while a resident of Otego, Otsego County, New York, aged sixty-three years.

He died October 22 or 27, 1821 in Unadilla, Otsego County, New York.

Soldier married in 1816, about November, in Sidney, Delaware County, New York, Esther, her maiden name not given. After soldier's death she married, date not stated, Caleb Wells, who died in 1829 or 1839. She was allowed pension on account of the services of John Vermilya on her application executed December 22, 1833 while a resident of Delaware County, New York, aged about seventy-eight years.

In 1820 soldier stated that his family was composed of his wife, Esther, and one daughter named Susan, aged eleven years. No reference is made to a former marriage.

Your citation in regard to John Vermilya 2nd, does not pertain to that soldier, but to one Asa Virgil whose name appears next on the list from which it is presumed you quote.

In handwriting: *Did not use name of daughter, Mihetable Ann, as there was no way to determine whether she was daughter of this sol. Or the other John Vermilya on file or whether she was daughter of either, as neither claim is for service of a Capt.*