

Pension Application for Casparas Westervelt

W.25954 (Widow: Jane) Married fall of 1790. He died January 18, 1836.

B.L.Wt.12838-160-55

Declaration.

State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS

On this twenty ninth day of January 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Casparas Westervelt a resident of Bloomingdale in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, Aged Eighty three 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 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:

In the summer of 1777 in the month of June to the best of his recollection he volunteered & served fourteen days under Capt Bernadoes Swartwout Stationed at Peakskill in the County of Dutchess & State of New York, Performing guard duty. Served the time and was discharged.

In the month of September of the same year (1777) he was ordered out for one months under the above named Capt. Bernadoes Swartwout stationed during the time at Peakes Kill and a place call'd the Continental Village both mentioned places [?] on the Bank of the North River in the County of Dutchess our duty on the above stations was to guard the shores and Landing places the British occupying the City of New York and other places on the Bank of the North River and had also for access on the same river with their men of wars expecting they would send and [an] army every day to Storm Fort Montgomery on the opposite [side] of the River and Land them in the Vicinity of Peakes Kill where they were stationed with the Regiment commanded by Col Graham, Frayer, during part of the time Genl Putman army was with our Regiment. Served the full period and was Honorable [Honorably] discharged. The deponent saith that he does not know of any Living who he can procure to testify to his services as above stated.

The deponent in the month of April 1778 removed to the County of orange now County of Rockland & State of New York in the County of Capt Hendrick Tenure Company at which time he was Classed and obliged to serve every fourth weeks according to the arrangement made by the officers.

For the month of May 1778 he was ordered out and served every four weeks until sometime in the months of December following under Capt Hendrick Tenure Stationed at Haverstraw Nyack and Sneedan Ferry near the Jersey line marching from place to place. He then was discharged after having served the full term of one month and nineteen days in weekly tours.

In the month of March as the deponent believes 1780 he again was ordered out under the same Capt Hendrick Tenure and served every fourth week until sometime in

the month of December following station duty and services as above stated. Served the full term of two month in weekly tours when he was discharged.

In the month of April 1781 he was ordered out by his said Capt. Hendrick Tenure and served every fourth week untill sometime in the month of December following Station duty and services as above stated. Served the full Term of two month[s] in weekly tours when he was discharge.

In the month of April 1781 he was ordered out by his said Capt. Hendrick Tenure and served every fourth week until sometime in the year 1779. He then was discharged after having served the full term of two month[s] in weekly tours.

In the month of May as near as he can recollect 1782, he was ordered out by the above named Capt Hendrick Tenure untill sometime in the month of October following stationed at Clarkstown Nyack Sneedden ferry near the Jersey line and along the north River performing guard duty at each and every place. He then was discharged after having served one month and twelve days in weekly tours furing all the above mentioned services under Capt. Hendrick Tenure the British had possession of the North River with their [?] of Wars then commanders would as often as they had and opportunity send out their barges with men to Land on the Banks of the north River for the purpose of Foraging & plundering which men (the British) our companys had to oppose which made our duty fatiguing and severe.

Col. A. Hawks Hay, commanded the Regiment during the time when and where necessity required his presence of which Regiment Capt. Hendrick Tenure's Company was a part.

He has now narrated the events of his services with a conscientious regard to truth and verily believes that he has faithfully served his country in the war of the Revolution for the full period of ten month and fifteen days in actual service in the field for each term aledged for which he claims a pension under the Law of June the 7th 1832.

John J. Blauvelt Esqr and John House who were fellow soldier[s] with him in the war of the Revolution under Capt Hendrick Tenure./ He has obtained their depositions to corroborate his statement and hopes they may be record[ed] in testimony by the Commission of Pensions.

The deponent saith that he lives in a Remote part of the County of Morris and on the Borders of Bergen County is acquainted with a number of the Inhabitants has resided for Sometime with them and is also acquainted with some of the Judges of the said County of Bergen.

And all but and [sic] entire Strangers in the county of Morris knows a few of the Inhabitants and none of the Judges which makes if very difficult for him to apply in the county where he resides the above is all the Reason he can give for not complying with the Rules and Regulations of the war department and hopes if may be satisfactority [satisfactory].

He the deponent answers and saith that he was born at Perkipsey [Poughkeepsie] in the County of Dutchess & State of New York in the year 1750—the

record of his age is recorded in a book kept for that purpose belonging to the Consistory of the Low Dutch Church at Perkipsey.

That he lived when called into service at Perkipsey in the County of Dutchess and State of New York. Heremoved with his family in the spring of 1778 to the now County of Rockland and State aforesaid.

In the year 1799 he removed to the City of New York sometime after believes it was in the year 1794. He with his family removed to the Township of Franklin in the County of Bergen & State of New Jersey where he resided for six years. He then again removed to the City of New York where he resided until the year 1812 he then removed to a place called Bloomingdale in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey where he has resided ever since and still doth reside. He was called into service as stated in his his [sic] Declaration. He always was verbally discharged by his officers.

The Rev. Isaac Demund the present pastor of the Church of Pomptown to which the deponent belongs has been settled there but a few years and is a young man. He cannot therefore have any personal or traditionary knowledge of the deponents military services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any of the United States. (Signed) Casparas Westervelt

Sworn to, and subscribed, in open court, the day and year first aforesaid. Abm. Westervelt, Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 3, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you requested the record of Cesparous Westevelt [Casparas Westervelt] who, at different times, lived in New Hackensack, New Jersey, New York City, Rockland And Orange County, New York, served in the Revolutionary War and applied for pension in 1834 and whose wife was Jane Ryder.

You are furnished herein the record of Casparas Westervlet as found in the claims for pension and bounty land under file No., W.25954, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Casparas Westervelt was born in 1750 in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given. His birth was recorded in the Low Dutch Church of Poughkeepsie.

While living in Poughkeepsie, New York, Casparas Westervelt volunteered in June, 1777, and served fourteen days as private in Captain Bernardus Swartwout's New York company engaged in guard duty. He was ordered out again in September of the same year and served one month as private under the same captain in Colonel John Freer's New York regiment. In April, 1778, he moved from Dutchess County, New York, to that part of orange County which later became Rockland County, same state, and while living there was called out at different times on tours of one week each, every fourth week, all of which were served as private in Captain Henry Tenure's company, Colonel Ann Hawk Hay's New York Regiment, as follows: from May 1778,

one month nineteen days; from March 1779 two months; from March 1780 two months; from April 1781 two months, and from May, 1782, one month twelve days.

The soldier moved from Rockland County, New York, in 1792, to New York City; in 1794, he moved from there with his family to Franklin Township, Bergen County, New Jersey, which was his place of residence six years, then moved back to New York city where he remained until 1812, and from there moved to Bloomingdale, Morris County, New Jersey.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed January 29, 1834, while a resident of Bloomingdale, New Jersey. He signed Casparas Westervelt. He died January 18, 1836.

Casparas Westervelt married September 16, 1772, place not stated, Nancy Campbell who died April 12, 1789, and was buried in the church yard "at Clark's". He afterwards married in the fall of 1790, in New York City, Jane Rider. The date and place of birth and names of the parents of neither Nancy nor Jane were given.

Soldier's widow, Jane Westervelt, was allowed pension on her application executed September 8, 1852, at which time she was aged seventy-nine years and a resident of New York City.

Jane Westervelt was allowed one hundred sixty acres of bounty land, also, on account of the service of her husband, Casparas, on Warrant 12838, under the Act of March 3, 1855. Her application for land was made April 19, 1855, while still living in New York City.

The following named of children of Casparas Westervelt and his wife, Nancy, are shown in the claim:

Cornelius, born December 16, 1773; died Aug. 18, 1789, and buried by the side of his mother.

William born February 6, 1776

Jacobus born June 26, 1778

Albert born January 25, 1781

David born May 25, 1783

John born September 18, 1786

Children of Casparas Westervelt and his wife, Jane, were shown as follows:

Nancy, born July 18, 1791; christened Aug. 14, 1791, in Trinity Church, New York City, married ___Olmsted, and died in 184__(date not complete).

Casparas born January 31, 1793

Elizabeth born October 16, 1794

Sarah, born September 24, 1796; married ___Lorton.

Cornelius, born February 18, 1799

Maria, born July 23, 1801

Silas, born October 4, 1804

Jane, born April 14, 1807

Catharine born October 23, 1811

Levi born October 6, 1815.

In 1834 one Abraham Westervelt was Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Bergen County, New Jersey; his relationship to soldier's family not stated.

In 1852, Charles Olmsted, grandson of Casparas Westervelt and his wife, Jane, was aged forty years and testified in behalf of his grandmother in New York City.

In 1852, one Alfred H. Lorton was living in New York City; in 1855, one W. B. Lorton was living there, also. Their relationship to soldier's daughter Sarah Lorton, or to each other, was not designated.