

Pension Application for Cornelius Williams

W.18456 (Widow: Thanaky) Married in the year 1777. He died March 28, 1838.

State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court in our court of [??] in & of said County now sitting, Cornelius William aged 82 years, being a resident of said County who being first duly sworn does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born at Cohoes Falls above Albany State of New York in the year [1750?]. That he has no record of his age. That he lived at Waterford near Albany when he entered the service—Since the Revolutionary War has lived at Schenectady, Charleston Mtg Co., Litchfield Herkimer Co., Lenox Madison Co, now Verona Oneida Co.

That he volunteered the last of March or first of April 1780 in Capt Van Slyke's Company Colonel Wemps Regiment of Infantry and served along on the Mohawk River, and the region around for and during the term of one year according to this deponents best recollection—

And that after this service expired this deponent was called out in an alarm at Stone Arabia on the Mohawk River in Capt Van Slykes Co'y—Col Browns Regt and served therein for the term of ten days according to this depoents best recollection.

This deponent does not recollect of any regular officers or other officers who were out with him at the time of his service.

This deponent did not receive any written discharge from service.

He refers to the annexed affidavit of Isaac Ricahrdson as proof of his service.

He refers to Ralph Bingham Esquire Justice of the Peace – S. S. Bruse Esq, Postmaster, Jacob Hayner and others who certify as to his character and reputation. There is no clergyman living near him with whom he is acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) Cornelius Williams

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Jos R. Read Dep Clk of Oneida County.

Letter in folder dated November 21, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.18456, it appears that Cornelius Williams was born in 1750 at Cohoes Falls near Albany, New York.

While residing at Waterford, New York, he enlisted in 1776 and served at various times as a private in the New York Troops under Captains Jesse Van Slyck, Nicholas Veeder, John Clute, John Mynderse, Jellis Fonda and Colonels Wemple, Warner, Christopher Yates and brown, he was in the battle at the surrender of Burgoyne and at the battle of Schoharie.

He died March 28, 1838 in Onondaga County, New York.

Soldier married in the spring or early summer of 1777, Tanaky Clute (Tanneky Cloet) of Schenectady, New York, she was allowed pension on her application executed August 16, 1839, while a resident of Van Buren, Onondaga County, New York, aged eighty two years.

Children are referred to, only name stated being Henry, who was baptized October 27th 1782.