

Pension Application for Wessel Cornue

W.1029 (Widow) Christina married Wessel May 6, 1805. Wessel died Sept 4, 1840

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State of New York

Wayne County SS.

On this 5th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Theodore Partiridge one of the Justices of the Peace for said County, Wessel Cornue a resident of Newark County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to Law on his oath deposed and saith.

That on the first day of March 1780 he enlisted a private in Captain Thomas B. Bankers Company of New York Militia in Col. Abram Wemples Regiment and served a minute man in said company during said year as follows.

On the first day of March of said year 1780 he commenced his service in garrison at Fort Schenectady at which place he resided, said Schenectady is situated on the Mohawk River in the then County of Albany, now Schenectady County and State of New York at which place he served until about the 20th day of march at which time this deponent with Captain Banker and his company marched to Beaverdam situated about 18 miles, south of Schenectady in pursuit of Tories, and succeeded in taking prisoner eight of them which they found secreted in a Barn at Beaverdam owned by a man named John Paul, and took them to Schenectady with us from which place we sent these prisoners to Albany which consumed the remainder of the month of March, after his service in the month of March according to the best of his recollection he served in the month of April two weeks, and during the month of May, June and July two weeks in each month at Fort Schenectady aforesaid and on the first day of August of said year he marched to Schoharie at which place he served in company with a part of Capt. Bankers Company & part of Captain Mynderson Company, one month the object of this campaign was to guard the farmers in securing their harvest against the danger of the enemy.

On the first day of September of this year he returned to Schenectady and during the month of September he served one week at fort Schenectady aforesaid under command of Capt. Banker and three weeks in the month of October, and during the month of November two weeks. During this year a guard was continually kept at Fort Schenectady of eighty four man who took their stations [?] in number at each redoubt, the number of redoubts were seven.

He also deposed and says that during the year 1781 he served a private in Capt. Thomas B. Bankers Company in Col. Abram Wemple's Regiment of New York Militia, in the Minute service as follows.

During this year a guard was kept at Fort Schenectady at which place he served, the most of his time in garrison and at which place he resides as before mentioned. His first service during this year was in the month of April in garrison at fort Schenectady two weeks in the month of May three weeks in garrison at part of the time and a part of the time on scouts along the line of the Mohawk River and according to the best of the recollection of this deponent two weeks during the months of June July & August each the principal part of the time in garrison at Fort Schenectady and some of the time on scouts near Schenectady, along the Line of the Mohawk River, east and west of Schenectady, on the first day of September of this year this deponent under Capt. Banker marched for a place called Zneiders Creek by way of Ballston & Galloway which place is straight north of Schenectady about 3 miles. The object of this march was to drive back the enemy which was said to be advancing towards Schenectady and who were actually marching towards Schenectady but retreated on finding us in pursuit of them without any action during this campaign this deponent was absent one month, most of which time he quartered at Ballston.

And during the months of October & November he served two weeks in each month in garrison on guard at Fort Schenectady aforesaid. And this deponent further saith that in the year 1782. He served a private in Capt. Thomas B. Bankers Company of New York Militia in Col. Abram Wemples

Regiment as follows that in the month of April he served two weeks in garrison at Fort Schenectady and on Scouts of short duration along the Mohawk River, and in the month of May and June five weeks during both said months, the principal part of the time at Fort Schenectady and some of the time on scouts east & west of Schenectady on the Line of the Mohawk River.

On the first day of July he marched under command of Captain Garret Vedder who had command of a detachment of men to march to Fort Plain, up the Mohawk River west about forty miles from Schenectady at which place [?] at Fort Plank 3 miles from Fort Plain they remained guarding the inhabitants in securing their harvests and on scouts during the months of July and August.

Col. Willetts Regiments lay at Fort Plain at this time. And during the months of September, October and November he served three weeks in each month at Fort Schenectady and on scouts along the line of the Mohawk River. During this year (Winter excepted) a guard of Eighty Four men was kept up at Fort Schenectady where men standing 12 in number at each redoubt in the same manner as in the year 1780.

That since his first declaration now on file at the War Office, he is not able to hear of any other persons, who can testify to his service during the Revolutionary War.

The services above describe were all performed with an embodied corpse called into service by competent authority and for which time the said service was performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit—and for which any service he claims a pension. Further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Wessel Cornue

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. Theodore Partridge J.P.