

Pension Application for Adam Amsden

W.25349 (Widow: Esther) Esther Chickering married Adam Amsden December 28, 1819. Adam died November 7, 1830.

State of Vermont

Caledonia County SS.

The County of Caledonia & State of Vermont being duly sworn doth declare depose & say that on or about the first of Aug's't AD 1779 he was duly enlisted into the service of the United States that he served in Capt Heath's Company Colo Michael Jacksons, Regt, in Gen. Learnard's Brigade in the Massachusetts line. That he served therein at West Point against the Common Enemy untill about the least of December of the same year when he was detached under the command of Colo Thompson to guard the lines at Phillips Manor or White Plains. That he with others were there captured on the 3d Day of Feb'y 1780 and carried to the City of New York, and there imprisoned untill the 13th Day of December following at which time he was exchanged and returned to his Brigade rec'd his pay and was regularly discharged being upward of Sixteen months after his inlistment.

He further deposes that he is now and ever since has been a resident citizen of the United States and is now in the fifty seventh year of his age & that I am in reduced circumstances & needs [???] of his country for support. (Signed) Adam Amsden

[This deposition gave more details of his service. The one from 1820, gives details of his family.]

I am by occupation a Labourer, in middling health but not able to Labour more than half the time.

My family are my wife Esther Amsden aged 57—my wifes Daughter Eliza Chickering aged 31 utterly unable to do any Labour—my Wife was a widow and has in her own right Three hundred Dollars including furniture which is not sufficient for her own and her Daughters support and on account of the sickness of the Daughter has been at times assisted by public charity.