

Pension Application for James Bolton

W.16510 (Widow: Margaret) Married September 24, 1778. James died September 13, 1803. Margaret died May 29, 1839. Surviving children, Susannah Jeffries, Betsey Haynes, John Bolton, Sarah Vanderhoof.

State of New York

Cattaraugus County SS.

On this fifth day of October AD 1837, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cattaraugus now in session, Margaret Bolton a resident in the town of Little Valley County of Cattaraugus and State of New York, aged eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July fourth 1836.

That she is the widow of James Bolton Junr that she often heard her said husband often speak of his being a soldier in the Revolutionary War under Captain McCracken in the year 1778 or thereabouts.

That he was in the Bennington Battle and afterward made Lieutenant which commission she has often seen and read and knows of her said husband's having the commission in the house with his other papers for years after the war. She also knows he served as Lieutenant from two to three years. She also saith her husband acted as captain but does not know that he ever had a captain's commission.

This deponent states further that her husband James Bolton did not have leave the United States service until the close of the war except on short furlough to visit his family.

This deponent remembers well of hearing her husband as well as others speak of his being at the taking of Burgoin [Burgoyne] and that when Burgoin was on his way to Saratoga before the battle, he husband was sent as a spy to spy out his army. She also remembers that her said husband was taken sick at Fort Ann a very short time before it was surrendered to the British and was brought home sick but as soon as he recovered he returned again to the Army.

She often heard her husband say he served under Lieutenant Barns, Capt. Robert Edmoston, Colonel G.VanSchaick, Henry Gansevoort and Curtis also under General Warm & Schuyler as well as others which I cannot recollect.

She further states after he was married he went for the greatest part of the time as a volunteer.

From her old age broken memory she is able to state but few particulars with certainty and is unable to remember at what times her said husband entered the army or left it but sais [says] he went on different tours after he was married.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Bolton in the month of September 1778 in the town of Salem County of Washington State of New York.

That her husband died on the thirteenth day of September eighteen hundred and three and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by by [sic] reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Bolton

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written. Witness Israel Day.