

Pension Application for Ebenezer Burnett

W.470 (Widow: Lydia Rogers Kitchell, listed as former widow. This woman's 2nd husband was pensioned, see David Kitchell, N.J. S2702. Ebenezer died May 18, 1819.)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd section of the Act of Congress of July 4th 1836.

State of New Jersey

County of Morris SS.

On this first day of October Domini 1838, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Lydia Kitchell, a resident of Hanover Township in said County, aged 72 ½ 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 4th, 1836.

I am now the widow of David Kitchel, who was a militia soldier of the New Jersey Morris County Militia, in the war of the revolution & who for his service in said war, was pensioned by the United States, under the Militia pension law of 1832. For the particulars & details of his militia duties in said war, I respectfully refer the commissioner of Pensions to his original Declaration & papers now on the files of the Pension Office.

I was married to said David Kitchel, on the 12th day of August 1824, by Rev'd John Hancock of Hanover, a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church & I lived with my said husband as his wife, until his death, which was on the 15th day of February Domini 1836.

When I was married to David Kitchel, or rather until I was married to David Kitchel, I was the widow of Ebenezer Burnet who was an enlisted soldier in the Continental Army of the United States & served as such from beginning to the close of the revolutionary war. He was in the Northern Campaign against Canada in 1775, was at the storming of Quebec & saw General Montgomery fall in that disastrous battle. For his serviced in the revolutionary war in the army of the United States, who rec'd a pension from the government under the law of 1818 which pension was regularly paid him to the time of his death which took place at our residence in Warwick Township Orange County in the State of New York, on the 18th day of May Domini 1819.

I was married to said Ebenezer Burnet on the 21st November 1784, by a Justice of the Peace, whose name was Gould (his first name I forgot) & I remained his widow until my marriage with David Kitchel on the 12th August 1824.

For the details & particulars of Ebenezer Burnet's services in defense of his county, I respectfully refer the commissioner of Pensions to his original Declaration & the Records in the War Department, having myself no remembrance of his Captain's name nor of the Regiment to which he belonged.

I frankly confess to the Commissioner of Pensions that I am greatly at a loss how I ought to make this my application for the relief which I require from my country, on acct of the service of my husbands who have both put their lives in peril for her freedom & have left me very poor & indigent. I am however induced to make application on acct of the services of my first husband, Ebenezer Burnet because he was my first husband & because he rec'd as a pension under the law of 1818 a larger annuity than was granted under the law of 1832, finding myself to be in very necessitous & indigent circumstances. If however it should be decided by the Commissioner of Pensions & the Secretary of War that I am in error in this form of application, I hope & trust I may not be precluded from applying as the widow of David Kitchel before named. There is as I verily believe no record of my marriage to Ebenezer Burnet, by Justice Gould nor is there a witness living as I verily believe who was present at that marriage. I have no family record whatever of my first marriage. I had many years since a very old bible, which did contain the births of my children. The said bible was much tattered—the leaves thereof became loose, and the blank leaf containing the record was also loose & was lost many years since & no copy thereof was ever taken as far as I know & believe. I shall endeavor to obtain the evidence of some of our oldest neighbours who may perhaps remember that the said Ebenezer Burnet & myself lives together many years as husband & wife & that we raised a family of children together. I by him, eleven children the

oldest child was born November 16th 1785 & she is now living in Hanover Morris County. Upon further reflection, I recollect, that my first husband, Ebenezer Burnet belonged to the New York line & that he was not a private, but was a Sergeant & that he was for some time in a company commanded by a Captain Cheeseman. That on all the particulars I can remember, at this time.

I have remained a widow since the death of David Kitchel my last husband to the present time, as will more fully appear by reference to the testimony hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Lydia Kitchel

Sworn & subscribed at the Court House in Morristown, on the day & year first before mentioned before me. James Wood, Judge of Morris County Com. Pleas.

Family Record

Births. Lydia Rogers born April 5th 1766.

Sally Burnet born Nov. 16th 1785.

James H. Burnet born March 23d 1790.

Ralph Burnet born April 15th 1792.

Hiram Burnet born February 5th 1794.

Ebenezer Burnett born September 7th 1797.

Catharine Burnet born January 2nd 1799.

Joann Burnet born January 7th 1801.

John Burnet born April 13th 1803.

Phebe Burnet born July 31st 1805.

Charles Burnet born August 24th 1807

Orange County

State of New York SS.

On the sixth day of April 1818 personally [personally] appeared before me John Wheeler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County Ebenezer Burnett aged about sixty years resident in said County who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress "entitled an act to Provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Ebenezer Burnett enlisted in year 1776 under Captain John Hamtamack in the New York Line and continued in the service till the year 1783 and was discharged at New Windsor in said state (the deponent says he was first enlisted under Captain Bevier and was transferred to Hamtamack Coll of the York Line) That he was at the taking of Fort Montgomery at the Battle on Long Island and with Sullivan on the Western expedition and that he is in reduced circumstances and in need of assistance from his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power to offer of his said services. (Signed with his mark) Ebenezer Burnett

Sworn and Subscribed. John Wheeler, Judge.