

Pension Application for Henry Caleb

R.1596 (Widow: Susan)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

State of New York

Seneca County SS.

On the first day of Sept 1842 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the court in and for said county Susan Caleb and resident of Ovid in said county aged eighty one 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 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Henry Caleb was a soldier in the army of the war of the revolution.

That as this deponent had many times heard stated by the said husband, that he came to this country a soldier in the British army, but sought the first opportunity of deserting them and joining the American Army, his plan of getting gone of the sentry high or intoxicated proved successful & he made his escape and joined the American Army enlisted under Capt. Willey, and served to the close of the war; his residence was at or near New Rochelle Westchester County New York, at the close of the war he worked one year for his Captain, Capt. Willey, he must have served in the war of the revolution three years or more & under several officers, whose names other than the one above named are now forgotten.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Caleb in the Fall of 1788 seventeen hundred and eighty eight at Warwick near NewRochelle WestChester County New York by Esq Genny, that her husband the aforesaid Henry Caleb died on the seventh day of December eighteen hundred & thirty tow that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four (to wit) at the time above stated, that she is the identical widow of the identical Henry Caleb who applied for a pension in 1832 on some evidence of his service was then forwarded with his application but his subsequent sickness & death was the cause of its being dropped. (Signed with his name) Susan Caleb

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. John D. Coz, a Judge of Seneca County Courts.