

Pension Application for Joseph Rue Case

R.6247 (Elizabeth Lee, former widow)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 22nd day of June A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me, John W. Brown one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Elisabeth Lee, (formerly widow of Joseph Rue Case) a resident of Newburgh Orange County State of New York Orange County State of New York aged eighty five years past, 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 pension to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Francis Lee, now deceased and formerly the widow of Joseph Rue Case who as she has been informed & believes to be true, was a private and served in the War of the Revolution, sand a shoe maker by trade, that he served in the said war for three years and upwards, that he was at Fort Montgomery at the time the service was taken by the enemy in October 1777, and was wounded in his arm in making his escape from the fort; that afterwards he served a term of nine months, and afterwards he performed three years time, that she frequently hears her said husband Joseph R. Case in his lifetime mention the service, and the names of the officers under whom he served, but from her recollection, that she heard him say that he had his discharge from the regular army, but she never saw such discharge or if she had the particulars of the service has escaped her memory, that during the war, and the performance of the service aforesaid the said Joseph R. Case was a resident of County of Orange in the State of New York.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph R. Case on the fifth day of May 1785 by [blank] Carpenter, whose first name she does not recollect, there and acting Justice of the Peace in the town of Newburgh in the County of Orange. That such marriage took place at Newburgh aforesaid and that there is no public or private record of such marriage to her knowledge, that at the time of her marriage with said Joseph R. Case, she was in the sixteenth year of her age and the said Joseph R. Case was in the twenty ninth year of his age; that her husband the aforesaid Joseph R. Case, died at the said town of Newburgh County and state aforesaid on the [blank] day of September 1822, that she was not married to him previous to his leaving service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & seventy four, viz, at the time above stated.

That she was afterwards to wit, on the 25th day of March 1828 married to Francis Lee, and the said Francis Lee died at Newburgh Orange County aforesaid, on the 10th day of June 1855. That she was married to said Francis Lee at the town of Newburgh aforesaid by the Rev. Samuel Fowler, and Methodist Clergyman of the town of Newburgh aforesaid, and that she is now a widow.

She further states, that said Joseph R. Case in his lifetime in speaking of his service said he was up north, was in a fort then, that they laid siege by a place then & took it and that he was sent to Albany from that place with prisoners, that she has no

documentary evidence of his services, or of any of the facts herein before stated, that in the life time of the said Joseph R. Case she frequently heard him talking with Isaac Belknap & Daniel Bradsale both of whom were in the service, or [?] to the war, and of [?] of which they all appeared to be for [?]

That her maiden name previous to her marriage with Joseph R. Case was Elisabeth Owen (Signed) Elizabeth Lee.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me, John W. Brown.

Letter in folder dated October 4, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Ichabod Case—S.31602

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to the following soldiers of the Revolutionary War, all from New York; Benjamin Case, Ichabod Case, and Joseph Case.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land made to the United States, based upon service in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of any Benjamin Case.

The records of Ichabod and Joseph Rue Case which follow were obtained from claims for pension, based upon service in the War of the Revolution.

Ichabod Case—S.31602

The data pertaining to Ichabod Case furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.31602, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Ichabod Case was born October 24, 1756, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents shown.

While residing in Tolland, Connecticut, he enlisted sometime in March, 1781 or 1782, served as a private in Captain Stephen Bets' company, Colonel Samuel B. Webb's Connecticut regiment, length of service one year and two months. He also served as a volunteer, one or two months, stationed at New London, no officers stated.

The soldier, Ichabod Case, was allowed pension on his application executed September 9, 1834, at which time he was a resident of Franklin, Delaware County, New York.

Reference was made in 1835 to his family. He died December 20, 1843, leaving three children; the only name given being, a daughter, Polly Fitch of Delaware County, New York in 1851. Name of soldier's wife not shown, and there are no further data as to his family.

Joseph Rue Case—R.6247

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.6247, based upon the service of Joseph Rue Case in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not given, nor are the names of his parents stated.

Joseph Rue Case married May 5, 1785 in Newburgh, Orange County, New York, Elizabeth Owen. He was then in the twenty-ninth year of his age, and she was in her sixteenth year. He died in the month of September, 1816, in Newburgh, New York.

The widow, Elizabeth Lee, applied for pension on account of the service of her husband, Joseph Rue Case, on June 22, 1855, then a resident of Newburgh, New York, and alleged that he was a resident of Orange County, New York, during the Revolution, was a private, was at the taking for Fort Montgomery, in Oct 1777, and in making his escape was wounded in the arm, and served three years "and upwards".

The pension was not allowed as proof of service as required by the pension law was not furnished.

It is stated that the widow had no children by either husband.