

Pension Application of John Cassada or Cassety

W.16882 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

Ontario county SS.

On this 19th day of July 1838, personally appeared before me Oliver Phelps First Judge of the County of Common Pleas of said county & of the courts of said County, Margaret Cassety a resident of the town of Naples in said County in said county in said state aged upwards of ninety 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Cassety, who was a private in the Militia of the State of New York, that she was married to the said John Cassety some time during the war of the revolution, by the Rev'd Mr. Vrooman Pastor a minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada in said State, the precise time she does not recollect, but she recollects that she was delivered of a female child the next fall after her marriage, that all the persons present, at the marriage ceremony have long since died, that her maiden name before marriage was Margaret Van Antwerp, that the persons present at her marriage besides the minister, now Anna VanAntwerp, her cousin Anna Canada daughter of one James Canada, Jacob Farley & Martha or Matilda Farley, who was an old lady when she the deponent was married.

And she further says that her husband left her four weeks after the birth of the first child and went into the service under the command of Capt. John Bradt & remained away some months, precise time she does not recollect.

She says that in spring after her marriage her husband left her & went into the service and continued away until after haying under the command of the same Captain. She says she remembers he was out fighting the Indians and hunting up the Tories, most of the war. She says to the best of her recollection her husband served more than a year during the whole war, she thinks on reflection that Capt. Wasson or Warson was the first Captain her husband served under.

She says that she does not know where he served nor under what Colonel but she remembers one time that he came home which was after the surrender of Burgoyne, a short time. And the declarant also farther says that her husband John Cassety died the year before the great eclipse, the day & the month she does not recollect, and she also says that he has remained ever since the death of her husband, a widow, that she is now very feeble & nearly blind and at the death of her husband was left and sill continue in very indigent circumstances. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Cassety

Subscribed and sworn to on the day & year above written before me the said Judge. And I the said Judge do hereby certify that the said Margaret Cassety cannot write her name, & never could but makes her mark. And that owing to blindness, bodily infirmity & advanced age, I [???] She also says she is unable to attend court to be examined. Oliver Phelps First Judge &c.

Surviving children. Mary Mosier wife to James Mosier of the town of Naples aforesaid, Nancy Haver wife of Abraham Haver of Scuba Oswego County NY, Margaret VanPatten wife of Henry VanPatten of Middlefield Otsego County NY, Anna VanPatten wife or Richard F. VanPatten of Rotterdam Schenectady County NY and Daniel Cassada of Stark Herkimer county, NY