

Pension Application for John Miles Charlesworth

W.16532 (Widow: Margaret) Married July 2, 1783, in Minden, Montgomery Co. by Mr. Gross. Margaret's last name was Lipe. John died April 28, 1816.

B.L.Wt.6928-100 Inv'd 8/30/1790.

B.L.Wt.322-60-55

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the 3d Section of the congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of N. York

Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me David F. Sacia a Judge of Montgomery County Courts (being a court of record) Margaret Charlesworth, a resident of the Town of Minden in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy three years past, who being duly sworn according to Law. Doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the Provision made, by the Act of congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John M. Charlesworth, dec'd by whom as well as by Cornelius Bland, a Major Fifer vizt a Fifer and others always understood by her husband particularly, that he hath been [?] of his father by Providence and left father's when he was but a young boy when his father hath resided and died previous to the Revolutionary War at the city and County of N. York, and that at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, at least before the British had taken possession of the City of N. York although not 16 years of age, but could play some on the Fife, when observing Continental officers, recruiting and marching through the streets with drums & Fife, that in which he had taken such delight, that he had suffered himself. Enlisted in Joining the American Army, but as for the name of his Capt. & others of his superior officers, claim't doth no recollect, but as he told, and as claimant always understood, that he belonged to the Regt commanded buy Col. Courtlant, and that he had been a Fifer from the commencement of his enlistment, and so continued to be, and enlisted for and during the war. Understood and instructed that he, her husband had been Fife Maj'r for several years previous to the close of the Revolutionary War.

The widow of the aforesaid John M. Charlesworth, state as she always was informed by her husband, in his lifetime, that he had been enlisted in the Continental Service at the City of N. York before the British had gott [got] in Possession of the same, and continued in the service of the United States during the war to the final conclusion and termination of the Revolution, as fifer and fife Major as aforesaid.

Claimant further saith that he deceased husband had been lame and cripple by one of his legs previous to the conclusion of the Revolution, and at the Close Thereof, and sometime after the said war, constraint to use crutches, until he died always insisting on that he got effected with his sickness or disorder while in the United States Service, in consequence of his suffering and fatigue, in the army.

The said widow Margaret Charlesworth further declare and saith that she has been legally and lawfully joined in wedlock with the aforesaid John M. Charlesworth on the 2d day of July 1783, that the marriage was covenant and the usual ceremonies was performed by the Rev'd Johann Daniel Gross who was a Reverend and legal clergy and preacher in the Reformed Dutch Church at Canajoharie at that time.

Claimant further state that Thorough Searches having been made for the church records kept by the Rev'nd Doct'r Gross aforesaid, and his consistory of the said church, but none to be found, purposed and saith that all the records were burned by the Enemy at the time of the Genl conflagration then upperpart of Canajoharie, Church & all contained therein vizt, either latter part of July or forepart of August 1780.

The she the said widow Margaret Charlesworth further declares that her husband died on the 28th day of April in the year 1815 and that since which time she did not intermarry again with no other

person, and says that she yet remaining the widow of the aforesaid John M. Charlesworth dec'd as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

The said applicant further saith, that the best proof which she can produce appertaining to her marriage, it that of her family record, hereto annexed and which has been procured and done by the directions of her husband, and for which she solicit the favour of his hon'r the Pension Commissioner, that the said family record may be returned and transmitted again, to her agency vizt to Jacob Snell Esqer, whenever his hon'r may find it expedient. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Charlesworth.

Sworn to and subscribed one the day and year first above written in the foregoing declaration.
D.F. Sacia, Judge of Montgomery County Courts.

Letter in folder dated April 22, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.16532 it appears the John Miles Charlesworth was born December 21, (the year not stated).

While a resident of New York City, when less than sixteen years of age, he enlisted December 1, 1776 as a drummer in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Regiment. On October 15, 1780 he was made fife Major and served until the close of the Revolution at which time he was Sergeant in Captain Fowler's Company, colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Regiment. He died April 28, 1815 or 1816 in Minden, Montgomery County, New York.

Soldier married in the upper part of Canajoharie (which was later Minden), New York, in June, or July 2, 1783, Margaret the daughter of John Lipe, or Lype. She was allowed pension on her application executed January 17, 1838 while a resident of Minden, New York aged seventy-three years. In 1856 she was living in Binghamton, Broome County, New York. Their children were:

Mary born May 7, 1784.

Elizabeth born August 24, 1786.

John born June 27, 1789.

Daniel born December 10, 1790. (illegible)

Margaret born March 25, 1794.

Catharine born April 12 ----

Clark born August 11, 1800.

David born February 7, 18903.

Sally born March 4, 1810.

Charlesworth, John M.

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 92.

Rank: Sergeant.

Regt: Colonel VanCordtlandt's

Disability: Ulcer in his left knee from disease contracted in the service.

When disabled: 1780.

Resident: Connajorharrie.

To what pension entitled: Full.

Remarks: Physicians report "somewhat disabled."

There are no militia rolls in this office.

Evidence transmitted by the District Court, complete.

Disability not proved to have arisen from known wounds.