

Pension Application for William Christian

R.1939 (Widow: Phebe)

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this 27th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before Judah Hammond on[e] of the Justices of the marine Court of the City of New York, Phebe Christian, a resident of said City and County, aged eighty years the 7th day of July last, 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 William Christian, who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War and entered the service of the United States as a Militia man in the spring of the year 1777, and continued in service for one year and nine months under Captain Robert Connelly, and Lieutenant Daniel Woosley, which service was performed in Dutchess and West Chester Counties in the State of New York, and that after the expiration of the above mentioned one year and nine months service, until the year 1781 the said William Christian performed duty under Captain John Hyatt, and that in the month of June 1781 (as this deponent believes) the said William Christian volunteered in the service of the United States, and served at what was called the Red Mills in Dutchess County and State aforesaid under Captain John Berry for three months in order to defend the Public Stores at that place, the said William Christian then enlisted under the Command of Colonel Luddington, Captain Townsend and Lieut. Fuller and proceeded to White Plains in Westchester County & State aforesaid where he continued to the close of the War in 1783, a part of which service was performed under Captain George Lane who had command of the company a portion of the time.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Christian on the Seventh day of September seventeen hundred and eighty two by the Reverend Nathan Coles a Baptist minister at Phillipstown Dutchess (now) Putnam County and State of New York, that her maiden name was Phebe Oakley and daughter of Robert Oakley who resided at the above mentioned place at the time of the said marriage.

That her husband the aforesaid William Christian died at Phillipstown aforesaid on the fifteenth day of April 1810 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she has made exertions to procure record evidence of her said marriage but there were no records kept at that time as she has been credibly informed, and that the record hereto annexed is the original genuine family record of the said William Christian and this deponent which has continued in her possession since the period of her said husband's death, the said William Christian.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year within written before (Signed) Phebe Christian.

Sworn and subscribed 1839 the 27 August before me. Judah Hammond, Justice of the Marine Court.

Family Record:

Gabriel Christian was born 24th April 1783. Deceased May 30, 1783.

Robert Christian was born 21st April 1784.

David Christian was born 3 Feb. 1786.

Elias Christian was born Feb 7th 1788.

Drusilla Christian was born 9th Feb 1790.

J.S[?] Christian was born 31 March 1792. Deceased Sept. 9, 1796.

Levi Christian was born 12th Feb 1794.

Rufus Christian was born [?] Feb 1796.

Phebe Christian was born 10th Jany 1798.
Susanna Christian was born 10th Jany 1798.
Bella Hib'd Christian was born 1st May 1800.
Asbary Christian was born 21st Feb. 1802.