

Pension Application for Zachariah Christian

W.16207 (Widow: Lydia) Married April 13, 1784. Zachariah died in the City of New York March 29, 1838. New York Mayor's Court.

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, held at City-Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of June ---- term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Present the Honorable Peter Augustus Jay Esquire recorder of the City of New York.

City of New York SS. Be it remembered, that on the twenty seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city of New York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and county of New York, according to the charter of the said city and laws of the state of New York, Zachariah Christian, aged sixty seven years, resident in the City of New York, State of New York, United States of America who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that is to say he enlisted on the first first [sic] of March of the year the British first arrived in New York at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in the New York Fusiliers a regiment commanded by Colonel McDougal, deponent's company commanded by Captain Johnson for one year in the continental Service deponent was in the attack made on the British at the Red Mills on Long Island deponent does not recollect the year. He was afterwards at the battle of White Plains and was marched from there to Fishkill and was there discharged by Genl. McDougal (who had been promoted) his time having expired.

Deponent then enlisted I the Waggon Service for three years and drove a baggage wagon under Captain Lamb, deponent was discharged by Captain Lamb at Fishkill at the expiration of his term of services deponent was afterwards in the Malitia [militia] at Spencertown under Captain Holly and was in the battle of Stony Arabia [Stone Arabia] he cannot tell the year but was discharged by Capt'n Holly at Spencertown – deponent received no wounds during this term of service—has received a pension since the Second of April 1819. And that his original declaration is dated the second day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 3079. (Signed with his mark) Zachariah Christian

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit:

Real Estate: None.

Personal Estate.

4 chairs \$2.00, 1 Table \$0.25.

1 Stand 0.25, 1 pr shovel & tongs 0.50

6 cups & saucers 0.12 ½, 6 plates & 2 small platters 0.25.

6 knives & forks 0.37 ½, 1 candle stick 0.12 ½

2 wash tubs 0.75, 3 spoons 0.12 ½

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Deponent has no trade or occupation he is a labourer.

Deponent has six children who all maintain themselves, one of whom boards with him, and assists him a little, but none of the rest contribute to his support, he has a wife sixty five years of age who is unable to do any thing now than her own house work, deponent has no trade, deponent saith

that it is very difficult for him to support himself with what money he can earn, together with his pension, he can do very little work, owing to his age and infirmities. His children are respectively aged, thirty seven, thirty four, thirty two, twenty eight, twenty six and twenty four all boys. They have all left declarant excepting one who lives with declarant and support himself but contributes but little towards declarants support. Declarant through age and infirmities can do but very little towards his own support and rely almost exclusively on his pension for support. The son that boards with declarant is twenty four years of age and named Lewis Christian. Declarant further saith that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country except by private or public charity. (Signed with his mark) Zachariah Christian

Sworn in open court the 27 June 1820. Benj. Ferris, Clk