

Pension Application for Jacob Clearwater

W.16906 (Widow: Sarah) Married in 1777, Jacob died January 25, 1833.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this 6th day of September 1836 personally appeared before me Samuel Smith one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Sarah Clearwater a resident of Mamakating in said County & State aged 80 years old in November past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Jacob Clearwater who was a private in the militia in the six months service at White Plains in the State of New York but cannot tell the officers names he was commanded by. This service was done at the White Plain[s] in 1776 and in the year of 1777 was in the battle at Fort Montgomery and on the frontier he was eight months at one tour at a number of other times or frontiers until the war was over. But in consequence of old age and loss of memory cannot recollect the particulars of the officers names under which he served or his service but from the best of her recollection the service above mentioned has been often repeated to her by her husband and that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Clearwater in the year of 1777, soon after the capture of Fort Montgomery but cannot recollect the day of the month. And that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Clearwater died on the 25 day of January 1833 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Clearwater

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written. Samuel Smith one of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas in the County of Sullivan