

Pension Application for Martin Clearwater

W.20883 (Widow: Lea) Married March 11, 1785. Martin died January 14, 1833 in Kingston NY. Lea died January 14, 1844. Surviving children: Elizabeth wife of Middagh to Marbletown, Abraham of the same town, John of the same town, Rebecca Terwilliger widow living in Kingston, and Blandina Robertson, widow of Kingston.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this thirteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house in Kingston in said County (which said court is a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and having a seal & clerk and also having the power of fine and imprisonment) Martin Clearwater aged 64 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820.

That he the said Martin Clearwater enlisted in Schoharie in the State of New York for during the war in the Spring of the year 1779 or 1780 (according to his best remembrance) in the company commanded by Captain Henry Dubois in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortlandt in the Line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until the Close of the War when he was discharged from the said service at Snake Hill in Orange County in the State of New York.

That he was in the battles in the taking of Cornwallis and with General Sullivan against the Indians and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services his discharge having been left in the possession of Moses Yeomans who is now deceased, that search has been made among the papers of the said Moses Yeomans by one of the Executors appointed by him in his will and that no such discharge can be found.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march one thousand eight hundred and eighteen 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 was 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 debt due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

To wit: of Real Estate none, a few articles of house hold furniture worth about ten dollars.

The deponent further saith that his occupation was formerly that of a labourer, that about ten years ago he broke the ankle [ankle] of his right foot, and that he is so lame now, and has been since that time compelled to make use of crotches [crutches] to walk with that he is also subject to what is called the fallen sickness, and that he is totally unable to do any work.

That his family consists of a wife aged about 53 years, a daughter aged about 11 years and a grandson aged about 6 years, these with the aid of Public charity find the means of procuring him a very scanty support.

This deponent further declareth that he made a declaration under the act of the 18th day of March 1818 before Abraham Hoffman Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Ulster County some time in the month of April 1818 the precise day this deponent does not now recollect but is positive that it was before the first day of May 1818 while declaration was drawn by Daniel Brodhead Junior and by him as this deponent has been informed delivered to John Sudam Esquire who is one of the Executors to the will of said Moses Yeomans to examine for this deponent's discharge among the papers of said Yeomans.

That this declaration cannot now be found as this Deponent has been informed and believes to be true. (Signed with his mark) Martin Clearwater

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of December 1820 before me in open court. John Crispell
one of the Judges of Ulster County.