

Pension Application for John F. Clute

R.2065 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Justices Court of the City of Albany

On this 13th day of July 1837, personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany, the same being a court of Record, Mary Clute, of Watervliet, a widow of John F. Clute a soldier in the War of the Revolution, who on her oath made the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of July 4th 1836 &c, viz, that he was born in the now town of Kinderhook in the State of New York, on the 20th day of February one thousand seven hundred and forty, where she resided until the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five when she was married to the said John F. Clute and soon thereafter she together with her said husband removed to the County of Albany now the town of Watervliet, where she has continued to reside ever since. That her said husband John F. Clute served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he was in actual service for more than one year under Captain Henry Ostrom and other officers in the regiment commanded by Col. Philip Schuyler that he was repeatedly called from home and was at Herkimer, Schoharie and at the capture of Burgoyne in Saratoga, and was repeatedly called into service in the County of Albany and elsewhere; that the said John F. Clute her said husband died in May eighteen hundred and twelve and that he received no compensation under the act of 1832. That he died in Watervliet and that she has resided there, being a widow ever since. That she was married in December 1765 at Kinderhook by a clergyman of the Dutch Reformed Church, who [?] preached at that place, and although she then, well knew his name, she cannot at this time possibly bring his name to her recollection, that she never saw any certificate or record of the marriage and she does not know that any record was made of the same, but from the day of her marriage in 1765 until May 1812 the time her husband died they lived constantly together as man and wife except when he was absent in the army or occasionally absent on short journeys and further she saith not and in consequence of infirmities of old age she cannot now write her name. (Signed with her mark) Mary Clute.

Sworn in open court this 13th day of July 1837. J. G. Wasson Clk