

Pension Application for Asa Cooper

W.16213 (Widow: Jemima Pardee. Married by the minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Town of Lenox.) Asa died May 4, 1814.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress of the 4 July 1836. State of New York Steuben County SS.

On this 5th day of August 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber Ira Clark [sic] a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Steuben aforesaid, Jemima Cooper a widow of the Town of Prattsburgh in said County aged eighty on years on the 6th day of April last past 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 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Asa Cooper deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution & served as such several different periods both before & after his marriage with this deponent but the length of time in each nor the names of the officers under where he served in all cases she cannot now recollect.

That she first became acquainted with the said Asa Cooper in 1775 & well remembers that he went to Boston with other troops during that year under Capt. Charles Dibble & William Walker [?] & that at this time he was absent on duty as a soldier for the term of nine months.

This deponent knows of the said Asa Cooper marching to White Plains under Capt. Oliver Belding in Col. Simons Regiment as she believes & was in the Battle of white Plains in the year 1776 at this time she recollects that he was absent on duty as a soldier for the term of three months.

This deponent also well recollects that in the year 1777 the said Asa Cooper was absent on a tour of duty to the north & was engaged in the Battle of Stillwater but under what officer he served she does not recollect that he was absent at this time six weeks.

This deponent further states that during this time she resided with her uncle a Mr. Whedon who kept a public house in the Town of Lenox Berkshire County Massachusetts.

That she recollects of several persons who served at the same time of the said Asa Cooper owing during when were Israel Dibble, Samuel Jerome, Jesse Hollister, Gershom Mertindale, Allen Jacob & Noah Goodrich, & several others that her uncles house was a sort of public rendezvous for soldiers on occasions which causes her to recollect names of soldiers.

That the said Asa Cooper both before & after his marriage with this deponent as also his family lived in the said term of service when at home. That during the years 1778, 1779, & 1780. The said Asa Cooper was frequently in the service as a soldier & [??] during every year more or less until nearly the close of the war but under what officers & the precise length of time she cannot now recollect.

That she has no documentary evidence of her husbands service in the support of her claim nor does she now know of any person living by whom she would be able to prove his services.

She further declares that she was married to the said Asa Cooper of the said Town of Lenox Massachusetts by the Revd Mr. Munson of the [??] on the 19th day of November 1778. That her husband the aforesaid Asa Cooper died on the 5th day of May 1814 & 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) Jemima Cooper.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written by making her mark before me. Ira C. Clark, One of the Judges of Steuben County Common Pleas.