

Pension Application for Caleb Cornwall or Cornell

R.7723 Widow: Martha (Anson, maiden name) Norton, former widow. Married by a Baptist clergyman May 12, 1782. Caleb died August 16, 1803.

State of New York
Clinton County SS.

Phebe Anson of Peru in said County aged seventy six years being duly sworn says she lived in Nine Partners N. York during the Revolutionary War & was well acquainted with Caleb Cornwall who was also a resident of said town & that she was also well acquainted with Martha Anson of the same town, & to deponents knowledge the said Martha was married to said Caleb Cornwall at her Father's House in Nine Partners by Rev. Mr. Swift on the 12th day of May 1782.

Deponent fixes this date from the fact that her own marriage took place during the same year, which was the year before the war closed in 1783. Deponent was Bridesmaid on the occasion & has always known her since.

She is now here present. Deponent recollects she understood at the time that said Cornwall served a tour of nine months in Capt. Herrick's Company. He left home she believes in the spring of 1781 and returned in the winter of 1782. Said Cornwall died at Peru NY August 16, 1803, according to deponents recollection, she was at his funeral. Said Martha was married again in presence of deponent October 7, 1805 at Peru by Lott Elmore Judge and her husband Aaron Norton died December 31, 1813, leaving said Martha a widow – she has ever since remained a widow.

Deponent has a record of her own marriage, which, from her recollection, she is enabled to state the date of the Norton's marriage. The name of her last husband was Aaron Norton.

Deponent attended his funeral.

She thinks Herrick was a Lieutenant when Cornwall went into his company, but acted as Captain is not certain. (Signed) Phebe Anson

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 14th December 1838 & I certify that deponent's a credible witness. Wm. F. Haile, First Judge of Clinton County Courts.