

### **Pension Application for Francis Courtney**

W.15987 (Former Widow: Sarah Brock) Francis died September 21, 1797.

State of New York

County of Hamilton SS

On this nineteenth day of June AD 1844, personally appeared, (in open court, now sitting Before the Honorable the Judges in and for said County of Hamilton to wit: Richard Peck First Judge; Ezra Thompson, James Harris, Joseph W. Fish, Isiah Morrison, Judges), George Courtney, aged 51 years, and John Courtney, aged 48 years, and John Courtney aged 48 years, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on their oaths make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the acts of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, and the 23d of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That they are children, and the only children of Francis Courtney (him surviving) who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution, and served therein from the early part of the Revolutionary War, until, or near its final close, as more particularly set forth in the annexed or following certificate, signed, "Fred Weissenfels, late Lieut Col. Of Sd Regiment" also, by "C. Wiesenfels late Lieut in ye said Regt" stated "New York August 27<sup>th</sup> 1789".

They the said George and John Courtney aforesaid also declare that their father the aforesaid Francis Courtney was married to Sarah Mott on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1791 in the Town of Montgomery County of Orange, in the State of New York by the Reverend Nathan Carr of Goshen; and that the said Francis Courtney died on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1797 in the town of Mayfield, Montgomery County and State of New York at his then place of residence. Said marriage ceremony was not consecrated prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated.

They further declares, that after the death of their father as above stated, their mother the said Sarah was married to Barnet House, in September 1799, and that he died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1804. That in the year 1810 she was again married to Benonie Brock, and that he also died on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1828.

They further declare that their mother the above named Sarah, remains the widow of said Benonie Brock from the day of his death (the said 29<sup>th</sup> April 1828) until the day of her death to wit: July 16<sup>th</sup> 1839.

They further declare that they are the children and only surviving children of the within named Francis Courtney and that by reason of Sarah, their mother within named having died after the passage of the first within recited act of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838; they hereby claim the proportionate amount of money, which by virtue of the 2d within recited act guaranteed to their mother at the time of her death, to wit: from the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1836 to the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1839. This last mentioned date being the day of her death as will more fully appeared by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

They further declare that during the life time of their father, the aforesaid Francis Courtney; he made in his own proper hand writing, and kept in his Bible a record of his marriage and the date of the births of his children, commonly called a family record; and that it has been in the possession of these applicants ever since the time of the death of their mother as above stated. (Signed) John Courtney, George Courtney

Sworn and subscribed in open court on the day and year first within written.  
John C. Holmes, Clerk of the Court in and for the said County of Hamilton.

#### Family Record

Francis Courtney and Sarah his wife was married April 25<sup>th</sup> 1791 by the Rev'd Nathan Carr of Goshen.

George Courtney was born June 23d 1792 between 7 & 8 oclock in the morning in Walkill town Ulster County.

John Courtney Born in Mayfield Town Montgomery County October 8<sup>th</sup> 1796 about 2 oclock PM.

Francis Courtney departed his life at Mayfield in the County of Montgomery State of New York on the twenty first day of Sept. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven. 1797.

#### Courtney, Francis

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 72.

Rank: Private

Regt: 1<sup>st</sup> New York

Disability: Lost his sight by hardships endured at Quebec.

When and where disabled: Jan'y 17, 1776 Quebec.

Residence: Montgomery, Ulster County.

Remarks: Enlisted December 24, 1776.

Evidence transmitted by the District Court incomplete.

No examination of surgeons. No evidence of his leaving the service.