

Pension Application for Joseph Delong

W.27517 (Widow: Nancy. Alleged widow Mary also applied for pension and was rejected.)

Continental (New York)

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the 25th day of July 1819 personally came before me, John Herkimer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County Benjamin Delong who being by me first sworn according to law, doth depose & say that he is personally acquainted with Joseph Delong, and knows that he served in the Revolutionary Army, that he first enlisted for the term of nine months and served his term of enlistment, that before he enlisted for nine months the said Joseph was bound apprentice to a man by the name of Groesbeck & being dissatisfied with his situation, was the cause of his enlistment, & further says that after the term of his first enlistment he again enlisted for the term of three years which term of time he also faithfully served & received his discharge at West Point in New York state, which discharge this deponent frequently saw & read, and this deponent further saith, that he doth not recollect the name of the Captain under whom the said Joseph served, but that it was in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lamb. (1)

(Signed) Benjamin Delong. Sworn before me, John Herkimer

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

Peter Wormut (2) of the town of Johnstown in said County being duly sworn says that he was personally acquainted with Joseph Delong in the year of our Lord 1782 and in the summer of that year, that the said Joseph did serve in the revolutionary war as a private in Colonel Lambs Regiment, that the said Joseph served in a company commanded by Captain Johnson (3) the Christian name of the Captain this deponent cannot now state and that the said Joseph served in said regiment from the spring & about the month of June in the year of our Lord 1782 until the month of July in the year of our lord 1783. That the said Joseph was a private in said Regiment when this deponent first became acquainted with the said Joseph and continued his acquaintance & service with the said Joseph for nearly two years, and during all this time was in the service of the United States in the army of the revolution. (Signed with his mark) Peter Wormut

I Aaron Haring, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County in the State of New York do certify that on this day the above Peter Wormut appeared before me and was by me duly sworn to the truth of the above affidavit, and that the said Peter is personally known to me & that he is a credible witness. Aaron Haring. March 13th 1819.

Schedule

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twentieth day of August 1822 personally appeared in open court, the same being a court of record, for the County of Ontario and State of New York and possessing all the attributes required by law; Joseph Delong aged sixty years, resident in the Town of Phelps of said County and State, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:--

That he enlisted in Capt. Swarthout's (4) company of Artillery in Col. Lamb's regiment, at Scaticoke in the State of New York, for the term of nine months—that he was marched from thence to West Point, where he served to the end of the period of his enlistment, when he was

discharged, and reenlisted for three years,--was ordered to Springfield, and remained under command of Capt. Bryant (5) until the end of his enlistment, he was then ordered back to West Point and discharged;--the number of his pension certificate is 15,103-- , that he has a wife named Sally (6) aged fifty four years, and an adopted boy named John Dodge aged eleven years—that he has no other means of support but daily labour and is unable to support himself and family—

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March; 1818; 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 to diminish it as 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 during the revolutionary war”, passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. Vis.

One cow worth ---\$15

1 pig---2.

1 table & 2 chairs---2

plates, teapot, cups & saucers, spoons, knives & forks &c. ---2.50

1 broken tea kettle and 2 small kettles---2.50

1 iron pot---2.00

1 smoothing iron---.50

\$26.50

(Signed with his mark) Joseph Delong.

Sworn to and declared, on the twentieth day of August 1822 before me, Moses Atwater, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in said County.

State of New York

Jefferson County

On this 17th day of February 1839 personally appeared before the Hon. Calvin McKnight first Judge Jefferson County Courts—Nancy Delong of Rutland in said County who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath say that she is about seventy three years old and on her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Joseph Delong who was in the army of the Revolution and served three years under one enlistment and drew a pension under the act of 1818 as this declarant believes and was on the roll of the New York Agency. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Delong at Newton about sixteen miles from Albany in the State of New York on the 9th day of June seventeen hundred and eighty five by a Baptist Clergyman by the name of ___ Stark. That her name before marriage was Nancy White; that she does not know of any record of her marriage in existence; that it was recorded in the Bible which is lost or destroyed--: That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Delong died about three years ago last June, say June 1835 that he died at Ashford Cattaraugus County and this deponent lived at the time in Clayton, Jefferson County; that she has no doubts that her husband died June one thousand eight hundred and thirty five and has derived her knowledge from the fact she has been so informed and has not seen him or heard of his being alive since that time; that she was not married to him 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. (Signed with her mark) Nancy Delong

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year above written before. C McKnight, first Judge of Jeff. County Courts.

I certify that the above named Nancy Delong cannot by reason of the infirmities of age attend court.

I Richard R. Delong depose and say that I am the son of Joseph Delong and Nancy Delong that the said Joseph Delong died in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five in the month of June as this deponent was informed and believes, that the aforesaid Nancy Delong who has this day made her declaration for a pension was the lawful wife of Joseph Delong & is his widow that she has not intermarried since the death of her husband the aforesaid Joseph Delong but still remains his widow. (Signed) Richard R. Delong

Sworn to & Subscribed on this 19th day of February 1839 before C. McKnight first Judge of Jeff. County Courts.

State of New York
Herkimer County SS.

On this 20th day of June 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid James Delong of said County aged sixty nine years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he is a brother of Joseph Delong who was a Revolutionary soldier and a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the said Joseph Delong married Nancy White of Newton about 16 miles from Albany on the 9th day of June seventeen hundred and eighty five; that this deponent was present and saw them married and remembers distinctly the time and the attending circumstances; that the marriage ceremony was performed by a Baptist Clergyman by the name of ___ Stark; that from information he believes to be true the said Joseph Delong died in Ashford Cattaraugus County sometime in June 1835 & further saith not. (Signed) James Delong

Sworn & subscribed on the day & year first above written before. Chas. Gray a Judge of Herkimer County Courts & Counsellor in Jefferson Court.

State of New York
Erie County SS.

Carlton Spooner being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, that he was personally acquainted with Joseph Delong who was a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, that the said Joseph Delong died in the Town of Concord in the said County of Erie, on the twenty fourth day of February 1835 leaving Mary Delong a widow, who now resides in the County of Jefferson as the deponent has been informed and believes. The deponent attended the funeral of the said Joseph Delong. (Signed) Carlton Spooner

Sworn and subscribed this 26th day of December 1839 before me and I certify the deponent to be a credible witness. Wells Brooks Justice

Buffalo Feby 8, 1855
S.P. Waldo Esq. Comm of Pensions

Sir, I have just rec'd your report upon the claim of Mary DeLong widow of Joseph Delong for a pension of the 2th Inst.—I knew Joseph Delong well and drew his pension for him a number of years. If married in 1775 his wife Nancy must have been very young it being 80 years since that event. Please give me the residence of Mrs. Nancy DeLong who has been pensioned, also the residence of Joseph Delong when he was placed upon the pension roll. With this information I can ascertain if he who died in this county was the husband of Nancy &

if not divorced then it is all right. He was a drinking man and when in his cups wreckless and that may be the cause of a separation. Respectfully yours, Samuel Lake

State of New York
Erie County SS.

On this 29th day of January in the year 1855, personally appeared before the Surrogates Court held in the City of Buffalo in and for the county and State aforesaid, before me Charles D. Norton Esq. Surrogate of the said County, Mary DeLong a resident of Collins in said County aged Sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed on the 3d February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of Joseph DeLong, who was a Revolutionary Soldier and a Revolutionary pensioner at the time of his death, but the period of service of the time she cannot state that he received a pension of ninety six dollars a year until his death and that the pension at his death was obtained and the proof of the death was made at the time and is probably on record in the Department. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph DeLong on or about the 17th day of October in the year 1830 according to her best recollection by Peter Sampson Esq. a Justice of the Peace in the town of Ashford in the County of Cattaraugus in the State of New York, that she has no certificate of her marriage or record thereof and that there is no record to her knowledge that her said husband died on or about the 24th day of February in the year 1835 in the town of Concord in the said County of Erie, that she was not married to him prior to the second of January eighteen hundred but at the time above mentioned, viz on the 17th day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

She further declares that she is now a widow. (Signed) Mary DeLong

Sworn and Subscribed on the day and year above written before m. Ch. D. Norton Surogate.

State of New York
Erie County SS.

Lucy Cheney being duly sworn according to law, on her oath says she is nearly thirty one years of age and resides in Collins in said County that Mary DeLong who has signed and sworn to the foregoing declaration is the identical person therein described, that the deponent is a Daughter of the said Mary and Ebenezer Spooner her former husband, that her father died while the deponent was a small child but that she remembers his death. That her mother married Joseph DeLong in the town of Ashford Cattaraugus County, in the fall of the year 1830, according to her best recollection, she the deponent was present and well remembers the marriage, and that they were married by Peter Sampson Esq., a Justice of the Peace of said town, that they lived together as husband and wife and the deponent resided with them in their family until the death of said Joseph DeLong, and that he died in Concord in said County of Erie on or about the 24th day of February in the year 1835. The deponent well remembers that the death occurred on that date from the fact that her own birth day was on the 25th day of the month—The deponent further says that the said Mary DeLong is still a widow, that she now resides in Collins, but has formerly resided in Concord in this county—

The Deponent is not interested in making this affidavit or in the pension applied for by the said Mary DeLong (Signed) Lucy Cheney

Sworn and subscribe this 29th day of January before me, and I certify that I believe the deponent a credible and disinterested witness. Ch. D. Norton Surrogate [?]

Another daughter, Lausana Ruth Gordon also made out a deposition and gave the same information.

End Notes—W.27517—Joseph Delong

1. Joseph appears on a "Roll & Muster of a Detachment of Levies belonging to the Second Regiment of Artillery." It was dated for July of 1782. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 120, folder 50, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
The regiment was commanded by Colonel John Lamb. The levies were assigned to different companies as matrosses which is the same as a private. On October 15, 1782, Joseph enlisted for 3 years and was assigned to Captain Andrew Moody's Second Company of the Second Continental Regiment of Artillery under Colonel Lamb. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 119, folder 45, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Peter Wormut or Wormuth, Wormwood, etc., enlisted on March 1, 1783, by Captain Lieutenant Peter Nestell or Nestle, etc., into the Second Continental Regiment of Artillery for 3 years.
3. In June of 1783 a Corps of Artillery was formed and eventually when the different Continental Regiments were disbanded those enlisted men who had still time to serve were probably transferred to the Corps of Artillery. Captain William Johnson of the Third Continental Regiment of Artillery was transferred to the Corps of Artillery on June 17, 1783.
4. Captain-Lieutenant Cornelius Swartwout of Captain Moody's Company. He was taken prisoner on October 6, 1777 at Fort Montgomery, New York. He was held a prisoner until December 17, 1780 when he was exchanged. He returned to the regiment and was assigned to another company.
5. Possibly John Bryant who had served as a first lieutenant in Colonel Henry Knox's Continental Regiment of Artillery. His arm had been accidentally shot off on July 12, 1776. He later served as a Commissary of Issue at least to 1781. He may have served in another capacity later in the war and after it.
6. Joseph may have had at least three wives: Sally, Nancy, and Mary. According to his 1822 declaration he was married to Sally. Nancy and Mary applied for a widow's pension which Nancy received and Mary's was rejected. In Joseph's 1819 declaration he claimed to have a wife and four children. One son, Richard R. signed an affidavit as a child of Joseph and Nancy in 1839. James Delong a brother of Joseph signed an affidavit that he was a brother of Joseph and was present at Joseph and Nancy's wedding.