

Pension Application for Matthew Dennisson or Denniston

W.16561 (Widow: Margaret) Margaret born October 20, 1767. Married July 1, 1788. Matthew died fourteen years ago (from 1839) on the 21 or 22 of April. Matthew was a Bombardier in the company commanded by Captain Seward of the Regt commanded by Crane, NY Line for 3 years.

State of New York

County of Seneca SS.

On this 16th day of March A.D. 1839 personally appeared before me Jesse Clark Esquire first Judge of the County courts of in & for said County of Seneca in said State, Margaret Denniston a resident of the Village of Waterloo in the said County of Seneca aged seventy two years.—(Application was born on the Twentieth day of October 1767 as appears by the Family Record now in applicants possession) 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 7th 1838, entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”—

That she is the widow and [?] of Matthew Denniston who according to applicants best knowledge information & belief was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain in the American Service—

That he served as such soldier in such service for the term of three years. That at the expiration of the said three years’ service the said Matthew Denniston enlisted into the said American Service as a regular soldier and for during the said war and actually served as such soldier during and until the end of said war at which he received an honorable discharge in writing, which discharge this deponent has often seen and verily believes that the same no is in some of the public offices at Washington—

Applicant has often heard & believes that his latter enlistment & service was in a company of Artillery commanded by Captain Seward and in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lamb, which Regiment was under the command of General Knox as applicant has often heard said.

Matthew say & as she verily believes—Applicant further declares that she was married to the said Matthew Denniston on the first day of July 1788 at New Windsor in the County of Orange in the said state.—That the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev’d Stephen Close a Presbyterian Minister of that place.

That her husband the said Matthew Denniston died fourteen years ago the 21st or 22nd day of this present April. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794—viz—at the time above stated—Claimant has no documentary evidence in support of her claim. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Denniston

Sworn & Subscribed 16th April 1839 before me, Jesse Clark first Judge as above mentioned.