

Pension Application for William Devoe

R.2908 (Widow: Harriet or Hannah)

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this 6th day of February eighteen hundred and forty six, personally appeared before the Justices Court in the City of Troy and County aforesaid, being a court of Record, Harriet Devon a resident of the aforesaid County, aged 87 years who being duly sworn according to law, testifies and says that in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, granting pensions to certain widows, whose husband served in the war of the Revolution.

That she is the widow of William Devoe who was a soldier in the Militia of then Albany now Rensselaer County State aforesaid and served in Colonel Vanschoonhovens and other Regiments, as he was often herd [heard] him rehearse over his services and sufferings.

That in the fore part of the war her husband the said William, while on a excursion north was with [blank] others taken prisoners, by a party of Tories and Indians and carried to Canada that her husband the said William made his escape and returned home after being absent one year, that then others were kept as prisoners until the close of the war when they were discharged and returned home in the then County of Albany.

That his captains name was Vandenberg, that they went in the service by parts of all the companies in the Regiments and not always under their own officers.

She further deposeth that she was married to the said William in the town of Lansingburgh then Albany now Rensselaer County by a minister by the name of Watkins who is now dead, and left no records as this deponent can ascertain that the marriage was in the month of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety.

That she has no documentary evidence of her husbands service, or of their marriage. Except the proof hereunto annexed. She further declares that she was not married to the said William prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 that at the time above stated, she further declares that never has intermarried but remaining the widow of the said William who died in October 1828, and further that she is a person of no eduction and that it was lately informed that she was entitled to a pension, and that her maiden name was Mamile. (Signed with her mark) Harriet Devoe

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year first within written before me A. [VanTuyl?], Justice Peace