

Pension Application for James Douglass

W.20992 (Widow: Sarah Allen)

Letter in folder dated December 23, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of James, William and George Douglas, all of New York, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of a William Douglas or similar spelling who served in the New York troops or of a George Douglass or similar spelling. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. The record of one soldier only named James Douglass, who served in the New York troops, has been found. His record is furnished below, the data for which were obtained from the papers in the claim for pension filed under W.20992, based upon his military service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of James Douglass are not shown.

James Douglass enlisted, date and place not shown, served as a private in Captain John L. Hardenbergh's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment and was discharged December 29, 1782, at Wararsink, having served at least eight months and two days.

The soldier married November 28, 1793, at Kortright or at Harpersfield, New York, Sarah Allen, date and place of her birth and names of her parents not shown. She was then of said Kortright and he of Montgomery, Orleans County, New York. They were afterward residents of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, where they both died, the soldier, November 11, 1809, aged forty-six years and his widow, February 16, 1847.

Two children are named, a daughter Elizabeth, born December 23, 1795, at Harpersfield, New York, and a son, John Douglass, date of his birth no given. Elizabeth Douglass married Orlando Mack, date of her marriage not shown. John Douglass died at Kortright, New York, February 17, 1853. Twelve children survived said John as follows: Harriett, James, Chester, William, Ephraim, John, Abigail, Joseph, Martin, Rouben, Franklin, and Andrew Douglass. dates of their birth and name of their mother not given.

December 22, 1853, Elizabeth Mack, then a resident of Davenport, Delaware County, New York, applied for the pension which was due on account of the service of her father, James Douglass, in the Revolutionary War. Her claim was allowed.

In 1854, Orlando Mack, aged sixty-one years, resided in Delaware County, New York, but did not state whether or not he was the husband of Elizabeth Mack, daughter of the soldier James Douglass.

In 1854, Joseph P. Douglass, aged thirty-seven years and his sister, Martha Douglass, aged thirty-four years, children of Joseph Douglass and his wife, Mary, said Joseph a brother of the soldier, James Douglass, were residents of Kortright, New York.

In 1850, Mary McFerland, aged eighty-three years and a sister of Sarah Allen Douglass, wife of the woldier, James Douglass, was living in Kortright, New York. The name of her husband is not stated.