

Pension Application for Uriah Drake

R.3077 (Widow: Ruth)

Letter in folder dated July 23, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Captain Uriah Drake and Cornelius Drake, who served in the New York Troops in the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of a claim for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the services of Cornelius Drake who served with the New York Troops. The record of Uriah Drake has been found and is given herein the data for which were obtained from Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3077, based upon his services in that war.

The date and places of birth and the names of the parents of Uriah Drake are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

Uriah Drake married November 17, 1793, at Marlborough, New York, Ruth Lyon. They were married at the home of Ruth's sister, Mary Quimby, wife of Isaac Quimby.

The soldier died March 19, 1829, place not stated.

In May 24, 1840, soldier's widow, Ruth Drake, then aged eighty-two years and a resident of Plattskill, New York, applied for the pension which might be due her on account of the services of her husband, Uriah Drake, and stated that while residing in New Marlborough, New York, Uriah Drake entered the service, and commanded a company of New York Troops; that he was at Fort Montgomery for three months in 1777, and served at various times, when called upon, on alarms, at the forts and towns, pursuing parties of British, taking prisoners, and protecting the inhabitants; and that he was in service in 1781, 1782, and 1783; she did not give names of officers nor length of service.

Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service of six months as was required by the pension law.

Ruth Drake died about 1842.

The sons of the soldier, Uriah Drake, and his wife, Ruth were referred to in the claim; Uriah L. Drake, living in Ulster County, New York, in 1852, and Joseph Drake, living in Plattskill, New York, in 1854.

In 18[?] the widow's sister, May Quimby, was residing in Marlborough, New York, and in same year Isaac Quimby was also residing in same place.

There are no further family data.