

Pension Application for Samuel English

W.16976 (Widow: Catharine) Case filed as Lemuel English

B.L.Wt. 661-200-Lt

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State of New York

City and County of New York SS

On this fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the Marine Court of the City of New York in the County Court of the city of New York in the County and State of New York Catherine English a resident of the City and County of New York Catherine English a resident of the City and County of New York, in the said State of New York, aged seventy nine years, 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Samuel English who as an Orderly serjeant [sergeant] in the Revolutionary Army [army] which he entered in July or August 1775 as a volunteer.

That he served under General Montgomery and was with him in the engagement when he was killed before the walls of Quebec. That he was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the regular Continental Army, in which capacity he served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois in the year 1777, and was in the engagement on the sixth of October in that year at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York under General Clinton.

That in the year 1779 the said Samuel English marched with the troops to the western part of the State of New York to repel on Indian force. That in the spring of the following year they formed a junction with General Sullivan's Army at Tioga Point by the orders of General Washington and proceeded from thence to the Genesee flats attack an Indian settlement at that place, whom they attacked and routed, and that he remained in the service until the close of the war.

That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim; the Lieutenant's Commission which her said husband held being lost, but the same was in Deponents possession both at the time of and since the decease of the said Samuel English.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Samuel English on the nineteenth day of November seventeen hundred and seventy eight, and that he husband the aforesaid Samuel English died on the third day of April in the year eighteen hundred and then; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Catharine English

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above written before. E. Schieffeling Justice of the Marine Court of the City of New York.

Letter in folder dated January 28, 1939 written as a response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Samuel English, 3rd New York Regiment, War of the Revolution, and Samuel English, Lieutenant, 5th New York Regiment in that war. You state that you are especially interested in the spelling of this surname.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and only one claim for pension found based upon based upon [sic] service of a Samuel English of New York, under any spelling of that surname. The data which follow are found in the papers on file in that claim, W.16976.

Samuel English entered service in July or August 1775, as an orderly sergeant, name of his captain not shown, and served under General Montgomery in the battle of Quebec, where that officer was killed. He was commissioned November 21, 1776, Lieutenant, Captain Thomas Lee's company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' 5th New York regiment and was in the battle of Fort Montgomery afterwards wintered at New Windsor, New York; he continued to serve in this company during 1778, wintered at Schoharie, New York, in 1779, went on General Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians, during which he was at Tioga Point, proceeded up the Genesee River and destroyed the Indian Towns and Provisions, later marched to Pompton, New Jersey, and remained until the summer of 1780; he continued as lieutenant of the 5th New York regiment until January 1, 1781. His name was borne on the military rolls as Samuel English. His signature is not shown.

This officer resided in Newburgh, New York, until about 1782, after which he resided in Ballston, Saratoga County, New York. He died there April 3, 1810; he died at the home of one Samuel Clark, with whose father said Samuel English had lived when he moved first to Ballston.

Lieutenant Samuel English married November 19, 1778, in Newburgh, New York, Katharine (Catharine) Clark; they were married by the Presbyterian Minister of New Windsor, New York. The names of her parents were not designated.

On account of service of Samuel English, Lieutenant in the New York Line, War of the Revolution, bounty land warrant #661 for 200 acres was issued July 7, 1791 by the United States.

This officer was allowed 600 acres of bounty land by the state of NY on account of his service in the Revolutionary War.

Catharine English, the widow of Lieutenant Samuel English, was allowed pension on her application executed August 5, 1837, at which time she resided in New York City, New York. She gave her age then as seventy-nine years but did not state the date and place of her birth. She died September 13, 1843. Her name was borne on the pension roll as Catharine English; her signature is shown by mark only.

Samuel English and his wife, Catharine had a number of children. Their first child, Elenor (Ellenor), was born about 1780 in Newburgh, Ulster County, New York, and moved with her parents about 1782 to Ballston, Saratoga County, New York. Their son, James English, resided at 256 Fulton Street, New York City, in 1837; in 1853 he resided at 65 Barclay Street in that same city. He signed his name English. No other names of children were given.

In 1837, Mrs. Deborah Clark, “widow of the late James Clark of the town of Ballston”, stated that she was acquainted with Catharine Clark in 1777, that she lived in the same house with her for two years after her marriage to Samuel English, and was present at the birth of their first child, Ellenor. In 1837, Samuel Clark, of Ballston, New York, was in the seventieth year of his age; he stated then that Lieutenant Samuel English died at his house, with his (Samuel Clark’s) father and family, but did not state the name of his own father, nor any relationship to Catharine.