

Pension Application for Thomas Fetherly or Featherly, or Fetterly

R.3478 (Widow, Jane)

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this second day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas personally appears Thomas Fetherly aged fifty three years resident in the town of Germanflatts in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That the said Thomas Fetherly enlisted in the then Town of Canajoharie and state aforesaid the first of March 1781—in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Wright of the Second New York Regiment under the command of Colonel Philip VanCortland, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the Service of the United States until the fourth day of June 1783, when he was discharged from the service in the place called Snakes Hill in the state aforesaid; that he was in the battle at York Town the taking of Cornwallis in Virginia and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services and circumstances, than his original discharge hereto annexed and also the affidavit of Richard Caselerand of Jamis Nash (Signed with his mark) Thomas Fetherly

Sworn to & declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated June 20, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Thomas Fetterly, a pensioner in 1840 of Clayton, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, R.3478, based upon the service of Thomas Fetherly during the War of the Revolution. It is during the War of the Revolution. It is stated that the name was formerly spelled "Fetterly"; it is found in the claim, Fetherly, Fetterly, and Featherly.

Thomas Featherly was born July 24, 1764, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents shown.

He enlisted at Fort Plains or Canajoharie, New York, early in March, 1781, served as a private in captain Jacob Wright's company in Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York regiment, was in the battles near Yorktown, and the surrender of Cornwallis, and was discharged June 7, 1783.

He was allowed pension on this application executed May 2, 1818, then a resident of German Flats, Herkimer County, New York.

He was living in 1820 in Lee, Oneida County, New York. He died March 10, 1841, in Clayton, Jefferson County, New York.

Thomas Fetherly married January 13, 1793, Jane or Jineas Sechner. She was born March 16, 1774 or 1777, place not stated, nor are the names of her parents

given. They were married by the Reverend Mr. Peake, "at the Stone House still standing on the South side of the Mohawk River about a mile or a little more on the road leading east from the Stone Church in the town of German Flats", where Mr. Peake then resided.

The widow, Jane Fetherly, was living in 1844 in Clayton, New York. She was referred to in September 15, 1853 as deceased, definite date of her death not given.

The following data in regard to the children of Thomas Fetherly, and his wife, Jane, are found in the claim—

Jacob born October 11, 1797 (?)

John born April 27, 1801

Elizabeth born June 19, `803

James born February 18, 1806

Thomas born March 22, 1809

William born November 12, 1812

Daniel born August 8, 1817.

Their son, Jacob was living in 1853 in Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, and their son, William in 1855 was living in Martinsburgh, Lewis County, New York.

One Daniel Fetherly was of Clayton, New York in 1844; it is not stated that he was the same as the son, Daniel, referred to above.

Joseph Sechner, brother of the widow, Jane Fetherly, was born July 4, 1772, and in 1844 was living in Little Falls, New York; he stated that he married at the same time and at the same place as did his sister, Jane, marry Thomas Fetherly", and that his wife, Polly "Fetherly" was the sister of said Thomas.