

Pension Application for John Gillespie

W.17006 (Widow: Sarah) Married August 6, 1779. John died August 27, 1821.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this thirtieth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty six personally appeared before the under signed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & b for the country of Orange Sarah Gillispie of the Town of Crawford & County of Orange aged seventy five years on the twenty fourth day of July last, 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 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of John Gillispie late of the then Town of Montgomery now Crawford in said county who was a private soldier in the army of the revolution in the militia of the State of New York, that this deponent has been informed & believes that her said husband enlisted in a company commanded by Captain William Faulkner but the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign this deponent does not now recollect that her said husband enlisted in said company about the last of June or the first of July in the year 1776 for the term of fine and that she always understood from her said husband & from others.

That he served said term of five months at Kingsbridge & at the capture of the City of New York & was regularly discharged therefrom, at the end of the said term of vie months. That he afterwards served in a town of three months after the aforesaid service but under what officers or in what regiment this deponent is unable to state where the service was done.

That in the month of April in the year 1779, her said husband enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Faulkner in a Regiment commanded by Col. Albert Paulding for the time of nine months that said service was done at Warwarsink in the County of Ulster & at Marbletown & along the frontiers of Ulster County in defending the inhabitants from the invasions of the Indians, that this deponent always understood that her said husband served the full term of nine months under the aforesaid enlistment that he was discharged in the month of December in the year aforesaid.

That this deponent was married to her said husband John Gillespie on the sixth day of August in the year 1779. That this deponent was married at the house of her mother in the then Town of Montgomery aforesaid by the Rev. Andrew King a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

That she has no record of her marriage that she was married to her said husband John Gillispie during the term of his nine months service aforesaid. That her said husband obtained a furlough for three or four days & returned home & was married to this deponent.

That she lived with her said Husband from the time of their marriage until his death that the said John died on the twenty seventh day of August in the year 1821.

That from the time of their marriage until the death of the said John they resided in the town of Montgomery. That this deponent has no documentary evidence of the birth of her said husband or of his service, but that he was reputed to be seventy four years of age at the time of his death.

That this deponent was but three children living by her said husband, that the youngest child which this deponent had by her said husband, if now living is about forty six years of age that the oldest child by her said husband will be fifty seven years of age on the first day of October next and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband John Gillespie. And that the same will more fully appear from the evidence hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Gillispie

Subscribed & Sworn this 30th day of September 1836 before me. Jas G. Clinton
one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Orange.