

### **Pension Application for Joseph Gillespie**

W.7857 (Anna Geary Hyatt, former widow)

B.L.Wt.97-60-55

Also served in the War of 1812, and died in a battle of Queenston in Canada.

State of Michigan

County of Jackson

On this twenty fifth day of January in the year eighteen hundred & forty seven personally appeared before me Anna Hyatt, a resident of Jackson township in the County of Jackson & State of Michigan who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth & on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pension to widows.

That she was eighty years of age on the seventh of July in the year eighteen hundred & forty six that she was born July 7<sup>th</sup> 1766 & that she is the widow of Joseph Gillespy, who previous to his decease was a resident of Hector Tompkins County New York & emigrated there from the town of Goshen in the County of Orange & State of New York who was a private in the War of the Revolution & served as a fifer under Capt. Gershom Mott in Col. John Lambs regiment of Artillery of the State of New York that he performed Services, during said war for about three years & was discharged at the close of said Revolutionary War.

That most of the said service was during the latter part of said war, but the precise dates of such service & the precise length of time she cannot now recollect that she believes he was a volunteer but does not know positively & she further declares that she does not remember the names of any other officers under whom [whom] he served or whether he served under any other than the above name.

That her maiden name was Geary. She further declares that she was married to Joseph Gillespy at Goshen in said State of New York in the month of August seventeen hundred & Eighty Eight by the Revd Nathan Carr a Presbyterian Minister & that said Ministers family were present at the marriage & also one Abraham Veal & his Sister but she does not remember his name & that no certificate of said marriage was ever made out as deponent recollects nor does she know whether any record of the same exists at present or not.

That her aforesaid husband died or was killed in battle, during the last war with Great Britain [Britain] towards the close of the same but at what precise time she does not know except that she understood he was killed at the battle of Queenston in Canada.

That the second hereto attached was taken from the family Bible now in her possession & was made by the said husband within a year after her marriage with him & is in his hand writing.

That she was married again on the twenty fourth day of April in the year eighteen hundred & twenty six by a Mr. Brown a Justice of the peace [peace] in the town of Hector in the State of New York to one Joseph Wyatt that her last husband died July seventh in the year eighteen hundred & forty five in the township of Reading

Hillsdale County Michigan & that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Anna Hyatt

Sworn & Subscribed before me this twenty fifth day of January AD 1847. Saml Higby, Judge of Probate of said County

Letter in folder dated February 15, 1917.

In addition to the military history of Joseph Gillespie, W. File No. 7857 Rev. War, you are furnished the following list of his children from the papers on file in the claim.

Torn-----born May 3, 1789, died October 19, 1817.

Torn-----born October 20, 1790.

Mary Gillespie born July 18, 1793.

James Gillespie born April 30, 1795, died May 4, 1815.

Abigail Gillespie born September 23 or 28, 1797, died December 16, 1810 (/)

Hiram Gillespie born July 12, 1799.

Anne Gillespie born August 22, 1802.

Jehiel Gillespie born January 2, 1804.

Margaret Gillespie born September 2, 1807.