

Pension Application for Jesse Hakes

W.19704 (Widow: Esther) Married November 26, 186 at Petersburg, Rensselaer County State of New York. Jesse died May or June at Fort Oswego, 1813, in the "late war", i.e. The War of 1812.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and the joint Resolution of Congress approved July 7, 1838.

State of New York

Cortland County SS.

On this 20th day of February eighteen hundred and forty personally appeared before William Perry one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cortland & State of New York, Esther Hakes, a resident of the Town of Homer in said County and State aged seventy four 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 7, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, and the joint resolution of Congress approved July 7th 1838—

Hat she is the widow of Jesse Hakes who was a Private in the Army of the Revolution, and belonged to the State of New York Troops under and in Col. Willett's Regiment, in the company commanded by Captain McKean, till Capt McKean was killed—after which he/said Jesse Hakes was a waiter for sometime to Col Willett, as her said husband informed here but how long, she does not know. She thinks he enlisted for three years, and served til the close of said Revolution, but she recollects of her said husband telling her that he was left sick at Albany, State of New York, [?] before his time was out, but when an in what year she does not now recollect.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jesse Hakes on the 26th day of November 1786 at Petersburg, Rensselaer County State of New York by Elder Barns—That Nehemiah Lewis & they were both present and married at the same time both are dead. Walter Worden, Arnold Worden, & Lucretia Hakes were present. Worden is dead Nathan Hakes were present that her name was Esther Brown before she was married – that she has no record of her marriage, and that she has no record of her marriage, and there was no town record kept in said Petersburg of marriage.

That her husband the aforesaid Jesse Hakes, died in the month of May or June, at Fort Orange in the state of New York in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen, when he was a soldier in the late war, belonged to Capt. Willard Trulls company, Col. Daniel Brown, commanded the Regiment at the time to wit/ 23d Regiment U.S. Infantry that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Revolutionary service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated—and that she has remained a widow ever since the Death of her aforesaid husband Jesse Hakes, as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed—and that she is so debilitated she cannot write her names. (Signed with her mark) Esther Hakes

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 20th day of Feb 1840. Wm Berry Judge of Cort. Com Pleas. Witness Lizer B. Canfield, Homer Cortland County, State of New York.

Letter in folder dated September 11, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to our letter in which you request the record of Jonathan Hakes who was born in Stonington, Connecticut, in 1724, served in the Revolutionary War, and had a son Jesse Hakes who, you state, was born in 1765 in Stonington, Connecticut, who served in the War of 1812, also.

Here is no claim for pension on file based upon service in the Revolution of a Jonathan Hakes who was born in 1724. The record has been found of a Jesse Hakes who served in both Revolutionary War and War of 1812. His record follows as found in the papers of the claims on file under W.19704, based upon service in both wars and upon his death which occurred during service in the War of 1812.

The date and place of birth or age of Jesse Hakes and names of his parents were not stated.

Jesse Hakes enlisted in the Revolutionary War, served as private in the New York troops under Captain McKean and Elihu Marshall in Colonel Marinus Willett's regiment, marched to a place called Turlock where he was in battle. The date of his enlistment in the Revolution was not given.

Jesse Hakes enlisted March 13, 1813, place not stated, to serve for the term of the War of 1812, served as private in Captain Willard Trull's company, Colonel Daniel Brown's 23rd Regiment, United States Infantry, and died at Fort Oswego, in May, June or July, 1813, from illness contracted in line of duty. At the time of his death, the soldier was a resident of Homer, Cortland County, New York.

Jesse Hakes married November 26, 1786, at Petersburg, Rensselaer County, New York, Esther Brown (her relationship to soldier's colonel, Daniel Brown mentioned above not show). The date and place of birth of Ester Brown and names of her parents were not designated.

Esther Hakes was allowed pension for seven and one half months' service of her husband, Jesse, in the Revolutionary War, on her application executed February 20, 1840, at which time she was aged seventy-four years and a resident of Homer, Cortland County, New York. She was still living there in 1848.

The following names of children of Jesse Hake and his wife, Esther, are shown in the claims:

Jesse Hakes born September 8. 1788.

Rensselaer Hakes born February 13, 1790; in 1821 of Berlin, N.Y.

Willet Hakes born February 3, 1792.

Betsey Hakes born May 3, 1795; married, date not given, Amariah Crain, born about 1792; in 1821, they were residents of Hope, Montgomery Co., N.Y.

Polly Hakes born March 18, 1797.

Solomon Hakes born July 19, 1800.

Lucinda Hakes born July 1, 1802.

Robert Hakes born July 3, 1806.

Marinus Hakes born April 6, 1843, of Homer, N.Y.

Soldier's son, Jesse Hakes, applied December 24, 1821, while a resident of Homer, New York, for five years' half pay, in lieu of bounty land, on account of the services of his father, Jesse Hakes, in the War of 1812. He applied as guardian of the minor children: Lucinda, Robert and Marinus Hakes and the other heirs at law. His claim was allowed.

Lucretia Hakes and Nathan Hakes both attended the marriage of Jesse Hakes and Esther Brown, their relationship to the soldier not stated. In 1840, Nathan Hakes was living in Petersburg, New York, aged seventy-four years. In 1848, one Sarah E. Hakes witnessed the signature by mark of soldier's widow, Esther Hakes, in Homer, New York; her relationship to the family not shown.