

Pension Application for Justus Harris

W.15909 (Widow) Jemima (Married October 29, 1767. Justus died 1817 Jemima died September 22, 1841.)

Letter in folder dated August 23, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John and Joseph Rundell and that of Justis [Justus]Harris all of Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

There is no claim for pension found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a John nor Joseph Rundel, who served with the New York troops. All spellings of that surname were searched.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.15909, based upon service of Justus Harris in the Revolutionary War.

Justus Harris was born January 22, 1746, (old style), in Bedford Westchester County, New York. Names of his parents are not shown.

He married October 29, 1767, Jemima Miller, who was born December 16, 1751 (old style), in Bedford, New York. Place of their marriage and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Jemima Harris, died September 22, 1841, in Covington, Wyoming County, New York, at the home of her son, Thomas. She was survived by three children, Hannah Bantes (or Bentis), Harvey and Thomas Harris.

On December 27, 1849, Thomas Harris applied for pension on account of the service of his father, Justus Harris, in the Revolutionary War. Said Thomas was then a resident of Covington, Wyoming County, New York, and aged fifty-seven years. He applied in behalf of himself, land his brother and sister. In the claim for pension it is shown that Justus Harris served during the years 1779, 1780, and thereafter, as sergeant, a part of the time under Lieutenant Silas Miller, Captain Marcus Moseman, and Colonel Thomas Thomas in the New York troops. Length of service more than seven months.

The amount of pensin which was due, on account of the service of their father in the Revolutionary War, was granted to Thomas and Harvey Harris, their sister, Hannah Bantes (or Bentis) having died before the claim was completed and prior to December 21, 1850.

Reference was made to timothy Miller, brother of Jemima Harris, his place of residence and age not stated.

In 1784, one Abner Miller witnessed signatures in Westchester County, New York, his relationship and that of Lieutenant Silas Miller to soldier's widow not shown. No further family data are shown.