

Pension Application for William Herrick

R.4138 (Anna Gordon, Former Widow) Married February 8, 1773. William was killed in the Battle of Monmouth.

State of New York

Chautauqua County SS.

On this eleventh day of July 1838 personally appeared before me the subscriber, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county, the same court being a court of record, expressly made so by the law of the state, Anna Gordon a resident of the town of Ripley in said County, aged eighty three 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 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to William Herrick who as a private in the army of the Revolution. That he enlisted according to the best of her knowledge in the New York Line the fore part of May 1778, but she cannot recollect, if she even knew the names of any of the officers, that he then resided at the Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess, that soon after she received a letter from him that he was to serve during the war. That he continued in the service and she received four letters from him, that the last one was dated from some place in the Jerseys, and all were written within a few weeks after his enlistment.

That he was not draughted but enlisted voluntarily. That he was engaged in the battle of Mowmouth in the June next after the period of his enlistment, and was killed in that battle.

That a comrade of his immediately after wrote to declarants father informing of his death & her father brought the letter to her.

She further declares that she was married to the said to the said William Herrick on the eighth day of February 1773, that she was afterwards married to John Gordon, who died on the 18th day of August 1830; and that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836; and that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836, and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Anna Gordon

I certify that on the day & year above written Anna Gordon appeared before me, & took & subscribed into the foregoing declaration by making her mark, she being unable to write her own name, and also unable form bodily infirmity, to attend in open court. T. A. Osborne.