

Pension Application for Joel Hitchcock

R.5052 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married January 12, 1791. Joel died 11th August 1824.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this 9th of August 1845 personally appeared before me Henry White, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Elizabeth Hichcock [Hitchcock] of Yorktown in said County aged seventy six 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 Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and that the resolution of Congress passed August 16, 1842.

That she is the widow of Joel Hichcock deceased who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and died on the 18th August 1824—and still remains his widow.

He entered the service of the United States in May 1780 by enlisting as waiter and Express rider to Major Case of the Quartermasters department and served as such near three years, or until the close of said war—as he stated to her and as she verily believes.

This declarant was married to the said Joel Hichcock at Pound Ridge in this county on the 12th day of January 1791 by the Revd Mr. Murdock, the Presbyterian Clergyman of that town—some few days after her marriage she removed to Sing Sing in said County, where she lived with her said husband until his death.—

That she had two children by the said Joel Hichcock, Robert and Edward—the last named of which still survives—Her eldest son Robert, was born on the 18th of January 1792—and died in August 1819.

She further states she has no record of her marriage or of the birth of her child Robert.

The family bible continuing such records, was burnt with their house in Sing Sing more than forty years since.

She will remembers that a small trunk containing the notes & papers of her husband amongst which she is sure was the discharge of the said Joel Hickcock—and some money all of which was consumed with the dwelling at the aforesaid time.

And she further declares that the reason of her not applying for the benefit of said Act & Resolution of Congress before this time, is, that she was informed that she could not obtain the rights without record proof of her marriage—that for such proof she sought in vain—But she is informed and believes the birth of a child before the first of January 1794 together with the [?] proof of marriage accompanying this declaration will be satisfactory evidence of the relation of Husband & wife prior to January 1st 1794.

And she now claims a pension and arrears of pension according to the provisions of said acts & Resolution of Congress.

And she hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Elizabeth Hitchcock

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year before written before me. Henry White one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Westchester.