

Pension Application for Samuel Hodges

R.5089 (Widow: Rebecca) Married November 3, 1777. Samuel died September 18, 1826.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this eleventh day of July AD 1851 before me Adam Hackley Recorder of the City of Utica the said Records Court being a Court of Record Rebecca Hodges a resident of Utica in the County of Oneida & State of New York aged ninety one years & upwards who being first (by me) 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 29th AD 1848 entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving widows of Officers and soldiers of the revolutionary Army".

That she is the widow of Samuel Hodges (a revolutionary soldier) who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Elijah Squires but of what regiment deponent cannot state, that he said Samuel Hodges was from sometime in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven to about the close of the year seventeen hundred & seventy nine a private in the company commanded by Captain Cornelius Doty in Colonel Lewis VanWorts Regiment of Infantry, that the said Samuel Hodges was in the service subsequent to the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine but in what particular Company or Regiment deponent cannot state, that while under the command of Captain Squires the said Samuel Hodges was stationed at Bounden Brook [Bound Brook?] in the State of New Jersey & was on Long Island at the time New York was taken by the British & made his escape with the Army from Long Island in the night time, that he entered the service about the beginning of the revolutionary war (as a minute or Militia man as deponent believes) at Hanover in the State of New Jersey & that the claimant has no documentary evidence in support of the claim except what is hereunto attached marked A, but deponent supposes there is evidence of her husband's services at the Pension Office, or in some of the books from the State of New York or New Jersey which deponent is informed at the Pension Office at Washington.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Hodges by Esquire Drake at Hanover New Jersey on the twenty third day of November seventeen hundred & seventy seven that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Hodges died on the eighteenth day of September eighteen hundred and twenty six at the Town of Gill franklin county & State of Massachusetts in a fit of numb palsy, that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place at the time above stated & that there is no other documentary evidence of her said Marriage as aforesaid other than the family record & that the witnesses to said marriage are all dead as deponent believes & deponent declares that she is still a widow & that she has never before made application for a pension & that her said husband has never made application for a pension or received a pension to deponents knowledge or belief. (Signed with her mark) Rebecca Hodges

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before me. Aaron Hackley, Recorder of the City of Utica.