

Pension Application for Beriah Holcomb

R.5130 (Widow: Lucretia)

Beriah Holcomb was born August 16, 1746

Lucretia Pease was born April 21, 1751

Beriah Holcomb and Lucretia Pease were married in August 1777

Beriah Holcomb Junr. was born Feb 22d 1778

Lucretia Holcomb born June 2d 1780

Syvester [sic] Holcomb born July 30, 1784

Miriam Holcomb born June 18 1786

Eleanor Holcomb born Oct 7, 1788

George Holcomb born June 13, 1791

Beriah died March 15, 1824

Lucretia died April 13, 1837

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared in open court before John P. Cushman Esqr. Recorder of the City of Troy and a Judge of the Troy Majors Court a Court of Record now sitting Lucretia Holcomb a resident of the town of Stephentown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged eighty 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 4th 1836.

That she is now the widow of Beriah Holcomb late of Stephentown County of Rensselaer and State of New York deceased.

That she was married to said Beriah Holcomb in the month of August 1777 at New Lebanon County of Columbia and State aforesaid that they lived together until 15th March 1824 when the said Beriah Holcomb died. That her husband Beriah Holcomb as she has been informed and verily believes was born in the town of Simsbury in the State of Connecticut in the year 1746 on the 16th day of August as appears by family Bible Record. That he was about four or five years older than this Declarant.

That she has been credibly informed and verily believes her husband said Beriah Holcomb served much in the War of the Revolution. That about a year previous to their marriage this Declarant resided in the House of said Beriah Holcomb. That said Beriah Holcomb was absent in the Spring of that year, that he returned home about May or June 1776. It was then said and understood that he had returned from one years service in said war.

That in the year 1777, soon after their marriage he went away again, but at what time he returned or how long he was gone at that time she is unable to recollect, but does know that he was absent in every year more or less until the close of the War and verily believes that he was absent in the War after their marriage more than a year, and as she has been informed and verily believes he served most of the time as Serjeant.

That he resided in Stephentown aforesaid at the times in the intervals of his service, at which place he lived until his death.

That she is informed and verily believes he sometimes enlisted and sometimes was drafted into the service.

That she has no written documents or papers that will show whether he had a Serjeants Warrant or show any discharge from said Service—now knows of no such Documents or papers—

That she knows of no other persons (except Nathaniel Warren and Jesse Bennett whose affidavits are hereto annexed except it may be Peleg Spencer and a Mr. Cummins that can testify to the Service of her husband Beriah Holcomb, but she knows Rev. Matthew Jones, Nathan Howard, George Holcomb and many other person residing in her neighborhood who can testify to her character for truth and veracity and their belief of said Beriah Holcomb's Services as a soldier of the Revolution.

She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

That she is still unmarried and remains the widow of said Beriah Holcomb deceased.

1. That she was born in Hartford in the State of Connecticut on the 9th of April 1750.
2. That she has a Record of her age in a family Bible now in her possession in Stephentown aforesaid.
3. That her husband Beriah Holcomb resided in Stephentown aforesaid when called into service and resided there since the Revolutionary War to the time of his death & that she said Declarant has also resided at the same place for the same length of time.
4. That she cannot tell any more respecting the manner of her husband's being called into service than what she has above stated.
5. 6. & 7. She answers as above stated in her Declaration. (Signed) Lucretia Holcomb

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid, Henry R. Bristol, Clerk

Letter in folder dated June 4, 1915, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your personal inquiry of the 3rd instant, you are advised that in the papers in the claim of Beriah Holcomb. R. File No. 5130 Rev. War, it is alleged that soldier was born August 16, 1746, at Simsbury, Connecticut, and while residing at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, enlisted in May 1775, and served as a Corporal and Sergeant in Captain George White's Company, and in 1778 or 1779 ,a sergeant in Captain Turner's company, New York troops.

He married in August 1777, at New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, Lucretia Pease who was born April 9, 1750 or April 21, 1751, at Hartford Connecticut. He died March 9, 1837, while residing at Stephentown, New York. The pension was

not allowed, on the ground of insufficient proof of six months service as required by the Act of July 4, 1836 under which she applied.

She died April 13 or 30, 1837. Their children were:

Beriah born February 22, 1778.

Lucretia born June 2, 1780, married Peter Wiley.

Sylvester born July 30, 1784, died January 22, 1851(his wife Betsey M. died February 27, 1852, and their only child Matilda A. died April 13, 1852.)

Miriam born June 18, 1786, married John Cammel.

Eleanor born October 7, 1788, married Samuel Beers.

George born June 13, 1791.

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