

Pension Application for Jesse Howe

W.19798 (Widow: Mary) Married October 24, 1782. Jesse died June 30, 1827.

State of New York

County of Saratoga

Be it known that before me George G. Scott a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County aged appeared Davie Howe of Ballston in said County aged eighty three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that Jesse Howe formerly a resident inhabitant in the County of Saratoga aforesaid was his brother, and a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and who as during the period of the Revolutionary War a resident inhabitant in Ballston then being a part of the County of Albany (now Saratoga) where he continued to reside for several years after the close of said War when he removed to the western part of this state when he continued to reside until the day of his death, when he left him surviving a widow whose name was Mary Howe and she still continued to be his widow as deponent is informed and verily believes and that she now resides in or near Genesee County in the State of New York and is the identical Mary Howe applying for a pension.

And further deponent testifies and says that the said Jesse Howe was a soldier of the Revolution and served as a corporal under Stephen White in Colonel Willett's Regt of nine months men in the year 1781, that Lieutenants Thornton & Moore served in the same company as such, at the same time.

That the said Jesse Howe belonged to and was enrolled in the Militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven & in the company by Captain Stephen White, during the period of the Revolutionary War and was frequently called into the service of the United States and served as a Corporal in short tours under officers of said Regiment.

That previous to the nine months service of the said Jesse Howe under Captain White as aforesaid which said Jesse Howe was in the service of said war at Fort Stanwix, he thinks one or two years previous to said service but does not know the names of the officers under whom he served or the length of his services but he was from home several months during said season.

And deponent further testifies and says that his brother the said Jesse was married to Mary Wood at Pound Ridge in the County of Westchester to the State of New York in December 1782 as he was informed and verily believes he is the more confident from the fact that this deponent was married to Eunice Crapo on or about the 2nd day of January 1783 and that previous thereto his brother the said Jesse Howe came to Ballston with his wife the said Mary and that the said Jesse & Mary have resided together as husband and wife from the time aforesaid to wit: December 1782 until the day of his death.

That he is informed and verily believes the said Mary is still living & continues to be the widow of the said Jesse Howe. (Signed) David How

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of November 1844 after being read to him by me. Geo. G. Scott, Justice

Letter in folder dated May 15, 1906, written in response to an inquiry from a member of the House of Representatives on behalf of a constituent.

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, received on the 11th, requesting information for Mr. Gordon Chambers of Norwood, Pennsylvania, I have the honor to advise you that it appears from the papers in claim, Widow's File, No. 19,798, that Jesse Howe, (brother of David), was a resident of Ballston, Saratoga Co., New York, when he entered the army and served as Private and Corporal under Captains Stephen White and Drake, Colonels Jacobus VanSchoonhoven and Harper; that he was at Fort Stanwix, Fort Edward, Fort George and Canada Creek; and that he served nine months in 1781 as Corporal under Captain Stephen White, Colonel Willett.

He was married October 24, 1782, by the Reverend Mr. Mead, to Mary Wood in her father's house at Poundridge, Westchester Co., New York, and died June 30, 1827, at Gainesville, New York, date of birth not shown.

His widow was allowed pension on an application executed December 19, 1844, at which time she was eighty-four years of age and a resident of Erie Co., New York. In 1848 she lived at Concord, same county.

Children of Jesse and Mary How.

Hezekiah born Jan 16, 1784

Mary born Aug 6, 1785

Deborah born Feb 10, 1788

Sarah born June 8, 1790

Isaac born Aug 26, 1793