

Pension Application for John Hutchins

W.19533 (Anna Graves, Former Widow) Asabel Graves was her third husband. John Hutchins was her second husband. They married April 9, 1781. John died March 28, 1792. Asahel Graves, her third husband died July 17, 1834. This folder is very large, 157 pages. Anna had a lot of explaining and proving to accomplish.

Declaration. Act July of 1838.

State of New York

Cortland County SS.

On this 17th day of October 1845 personally appeared before Reuben Delvane a Justice of the Peace for the County, Anna Graves of Cincinnatus in said County aged 87 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of July of 1838.

That she is the widow of Asahel Graves her last husband who died in Pennsylvania on the 17th day of July 1834 & she has not been married since.

That she makes this application for pension in consideration of the revolutionary services of her second husband John Hutchins. That said John Hutchins was a non-commissioned officer during the war of the revolution, declarant believes a Sergeant during the war of the revolution, declarant believes a Sergeant & that near the close of the war he was promoted to the office of Ensign. He lived during said war in Bennington, VT. From where he entered the service & served from time to time throughout the whole of said war in the company of Captain William Hutchins Regiment of Col Herrick but she cannot relate the particulars of his service. She was married to said John Hutchins on the ninth day of April, seventeen hundred & eighty one by [Tiehenor?] (afterwards governor) at Bennington, VT. That previous to her marriage she lived in Bennington aforesaid & bore Capon, having been formerly the wife & widow of William Capon. That her second husband the said John Hutchins died at Easton NY on the 28th day of March 1792. (Signed with her mark) Anna Graves.

Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid before me. Reuben Delvane Justice.

Mr. Wm. B. Pierce

Sir, my grandmother says she does recollect the names of Col. Willett, Capt White, Capt Pauling very faint, regt of Col Wiesefelt. She answers your several questions as follows.

1st Name Anna Graves, age 84 last June. Residence Cincinnatus Cortland county and now a widow.

2nd Married to William Caopon in the Town of Coventry State of Rhode Island in the month of August 1777 or 8, 2 or 3 years after commencement of Revolutionary War, married by Esqr Rice, married to John Hutchings by Esqr Tickenor in Bennington in 1780 or 1781.

3rd Present at the last marriage Joseph Whiteford & his wife, Elias Blanchard & his wife, John Gibson & Robert Green present at the first marriage, does not know that any are now living.

4th Family Record has been burned.

5th Children Polly age 64, Sally 62, Lydia 60, Phebe 58, all reside in Cortland Co., save Sally who resides in Parishville in St. Lawrence Co.

6th Wm. Capon died in Bennington in the year 1779 or 1780 –John Hutchins died in Eastown State of New York year 1792.

7th Wm Capon lived in Coventry Rhode Island belonged to the Light Horse always called Lieutenant John Hutchins lived in Bennington.

8th Wm Capon entered the service in Rhode Island under Col Capon of [Boluntown?] & Captain White, John Hutchins entered the service in Bennington under Col. Herrick & Capt. Hutchins. Ensign [?]

9th John Hutchins was in battles of Lake George, Saratoga & Bennington served 2 years before marriage was in the service at the time of the marriage thinks he continued in the service about 8 months, after their marriage. Wm Capon served in Rhode Island thinks he was in the service 3 or 4 years was hurt by lifting a gun & was discharged from the service went to Bennington where he soon died. Capt. Elias Blanchard was in the service at sometime.

10th Know nothing of the commissions or discharges. My daughter Polly was about 2 years old at the time of my marriage with John Hutchins and about 14 when he died. She well recollects our living together some of the other children remember the same. Your &c. Capon Smith.

East-solo-Feb 5th 1844.