

### **Pension Application for John Jackson**

R.5514 (Widow: Eleanor) Married Eleanor Whitman March 4, 1781, Goshen New York. John died in 1806, Eleanor October 18, 1840.

State of New York

Orange County

On this [blank] day of February 1841 personally appeared before me the undersigned a judge of the court of common pleas of said county Eleanor Jackson a resident of the town of Goshen in said count aged [blank] years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of congress passes July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled and act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of John Jackson who as she has been informed by her said husband & by others & which statements she believes that he enlisted in a company of five months men commanded by Capt. John Woods in the year 1776 & served out that term of service.

That he was at the battle of White Plains & on duty at Ramapo, Paramus & other places in the vicinity of New York. That he was in the service the most of the war sometimes among the militia & sometime by enlistments.

That in 18780 he was enlisted & on duty for from seven to nine months at the north under an officer whose name she does not recollect.

That subsequently to the battle of Minisink he was on duty over the Shawangunk Mountain & that subsequently to her marriage she has heard her husband say that the duty in part was to guard the girls while milking from the attacks of the Indians & she is not mistaken about that because some of the jokes passing about his becoming attached to some of the Dutch girls in that neighborhood but of that service she is unable to procure any proof.

She further declares that her name before marriage was Eleanor Whitman. That she was married on the 4 day of [blank] 1781 by the Reverend Nathan Kerr at Goshen in said county as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed & that her husband the said John Jackson died on the [blank] day of [blank] 18[blank] and that she has not intermarried since but still remains his widow.

That she was married to him previous to the first of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above written before me, Horace W. Elliott, a judge of the court of common pleas of Orange County.

Letter in folder dated March 26, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.5514, it appears that Eleanor Jackson, applied for pension, while residing at Goshen, Orange County, New York in February 1841, on account of the services of her husband, John Jackson.

It is alleged in said claim that John Jackson, while a resident of Chester, Orange County, New York, served from July 1776, five months as private in Captain

John Wood's Company, Colonel Nichols' New York Regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains; served in 1777 in Captain McDowell's Company; and in 1780, seven or nine months in Captain McKinstry's Company, Colonel Malcolm's Regiment.

The claim was not allowed as John Jackson could not be identified as the soldier, who rendered the alleged service.

It also appears in this claim that John Jackson married March 4, 1781 at Goshen, New York, Eleanor Whitman. He died January 1806, and she died October 18, 1840 at Goshen, New York.

The only child mentioned is Thomas J. Jackson, who in 1842, was living in Orange County, New York and aged forty years.

The above noted John Jackson is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau who served with the New York Troops.