

### **Pension Application for Joseph Ketcham**

W.16317 (Widow: Charity) Married on December 5, 1787. Joseph died October 12, 1820 in Niagara Co., in the State of N. York.

To the Honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York, one of Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of record of the State of New York.

The Declaration of Joseph Ketcham formerly a soldier engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the town of Phillips in the County of Putnam & State of New York.

Respectfully Sheweth, that the said Joseph Ketcham served as a soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Hamtrammick in the Regiment commanded by Collonel [sic] Philip VanCourtlandt in the Line of the State of New York in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War between the sais United States and great Britain, that he the said Joseph Ketcham entered the said service by enlisting in the said company in the month of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, and served therein as a soldier & Corporal for six years and four months, or thereabouts against the common enemy, next following the time of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged therefrom in June one thousand seven hundred and eighty three at the close of the said war, that the said discharge is not in his possession, the same having been long since left with a friend who resides at a great distance from him the said Joseph.

And is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support, being now upwards of sixty one years of age, unable to labour and having no other means of support.

Therefor he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", approved, March 18, 1818, and requests that your Honor will examine into the truth of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the affidavit of himself and of Michael Burgess hereafter set forth.

Dated the 22d day of June 1818.

City and County of New York SS. Joseph Ketcham above named being duly sworn says that the matter by him set forth in the foregoing declaration, are in all respects just and true. (Signed) Joseph Ketcham.

Sworn the 22 day of June 1818 before me. R. Riker, Recorder of the City of New York.

Letter in folder dated March 23, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Joseph Ketcham, a soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.16317, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Joseph Ketcham.

He was born in January, 1757, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents given.

Joseph Ketcham enlisted in February, 1777, served as private and corporal in Captains Jonathan Hallett's, French's and Hamtramack's companies, Colonel Philip VanCortland's Second New York Regiment, was discharged June 9, 1783 at Snake Hill, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 22, 1818, at which time he was living in Phillips, Putnam County, New York. He died there October 12, 1820.

Joseph Ketcham married, December 5, 1787, Charity, the sister of Benjamin Austin. She stated that they were married in Carmel, Putnam County, New York, and Benjamin Austin said that he was present at their marriage and that they were married at Frederickstown Dutchess County, New York.

The widow, Charity Ketcham, was allowed pension on her application executed, September 4, 1838, then a resident of Royalton, Niagara County, New York, aged seventy years.

Isaac Austin Ketcham, son of the soldier, Joseph Ketcham and his wife, Charity was twenty-six years of age in 1820 and his wife, Sally was twenty-seven years old. In 1820 the following children were residing with the soldier, Joseph Ketcham—Anna, Tamer, and Fanny, the oldest being five years of age; their relationship to the family not definitely shown.

Benjamin Austin, brother of the widow, Charity Ketcham, was residing in 1838, in Otto, Cattaraugus County, New York. Isaac Austin was a resident of Carmel, Putnam County, New York in 1839; his relationship to Benjamin Austin and Charity Ketcham not shown.