

### **Pension Application for William Kyrk**

R.6067 (Widow: Jane) Married August 9, 1781. William died October 8, 1833.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this eighteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the court of Common Please [Pleas] of the County of Orange and State aforesaid, Jane Kyrk a resident of the town of Wallkill in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years on the seventeenth day of July last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of William Kyrk formerly of the town of Wallkill in the said County of Orange deceased who was a soldier in the Militia of the State of New York and of the United States as she has been informed and believes.

That her said husband in the year 1778 lived in a place called Wyoming in the Susquehannah Country in the State of Pennsylvania and was at Wyoming when it was taken by the Indians and Tories and was driven from his home at Wyoming by the Indians and afterwards settled in Orange County in the State of New York where he served in the militia upon different tours as a drafted man Classman volunteer and upon alarms untill the end of the war she further saith that she has been informed and believes that her said husband served at Ramapoo Paramus and Hackensack but from old age and loss of memory she is unable to state the tours or the officers that he served under except the two following services viz.

Her said husband volunteered into a company as she believes was commanded by Captain William Falkner. His service commenced according to her best recollection commenced in April 1779 when the company rendezvoused at Montgomery then in Ulster County and marched to Naponeck on the west side of the Shawangunk Mountains from thence to Warwasink [Wawarsing] and from thence to Pawparton where they joined the regiment under the command of Col. Albert Pawling they then marched to a place called Shehawken from thence to a place called Tuscoria where the regiment expected to join General Sullivan but not arriving in time to join the expedition the regiment returned to a place called Lackawack from this place they marched to Lattimores Ferry on the Hudson River from this place they marched to Fishkill where they again crossed the River to the west side and marched to Stoney Point where they remained until they were discharged which as she has been informed and believes was between Christmas &c New Years and the term of service lasted between eight and nine months. She allways [always] understood that this term of service was done under Co9l. Albert Pawling, but she may from loss of memory she may be mistaken in the name of the Captain but thinks it was William Faulkner.

She further upon her oath declares that in the years of 1780, 1781 & 1782 her said husband was often out on the frontier of Ulster County sometimes as a classman and at other times upon alarms but from old age and loss of memory she is unable to state the precise times or the length of tours except the following that in the month of

August or September 1782 when Warwasink [Wawarsing] was burnt by the Indians Col. Jansen who as she was informed and believes had command of the militia on the part of the frontier of Ulster County ordered out a large number of the militia of the Counties of Orange & Ulster a portion of which was commanded by Captain William Cross and her said husband was then in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Cross and went with the said company to Mamamakating [Mamakating] on the western frontier of the County of Ulster and was out in the said service under Captain Cross at least two weeks.

She further declares that she was married to her said husband the said William Kyrk on the ninth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty one by the Rev. Andrew King a minister of the Resluterian? Order and then a preacher in the meeting house near Montgomery now in the County of Orange that her name before marriage was Jane Ferguson that she refers to the record of her marriage as will be found on the record of marriages kept by the said Andrew King.

She further upon her oath declares that her said husband William Kyrk died on the eight[h] day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty three and that she has ever since the death of her said husband remained a widow and has never since been married.

She further states that she has no documentary evidence of her said husband's services but relies upon the evidence which may be produced and upon the proof made in her husband's case in his life time and supposed to be on file in the pension office. (Signed with her mark) Jane Kyrk

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above written before me. H. W. Elliott,  
First Judge of Orange Com. Pleas.