

Pension Application for Adam Lair

R.2189 (Mariah Comfort, Former Widow) Mariah was the widow of Benjamin Comfort and Adam Lair. Married Ada Lair on or about the 7th of May 1786 and he died November 18, 1794. Benjamin Comfort died 1814, she didn't give the date of marriage.

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this 31st day of August 1841 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange Mariah Comfort—a resident of said county in said state aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doeth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Adam Lair deceased late a resident of said county who as a soldier and served as follows in the war of the Revolution as she has heard from her said husband and other persons & which she believes is the truth.

That in the year 1778 he was out in service in the wagon department & served about one year. That in the said service his captains name was Marshall or Mitchell.

That in the year 1780 he entered the service & served six months or more in Captain Henry Brewster's company and that in the same season as she thinks he served a short tour in Capt Johannes Johnson's company that her husband lived within the best of Capt John Graham's company & that he was out on duty under him in the years 1776 & 1777.

That the said Capt Graham deserted his company & went to the enemy in the year 1777 Y that upon his desertion William Cross was appointed a captain of said company & that her husband was out under Capt Cross in whose beat he then became; upon alarms up on the frontier in Ulster & Orange Counties until the close of the war.

That on account of her age and consequent loss of memory she is unable to specify more particularly the times & extent of his service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Adam Lair on or about the 7th of May 1786 by the Revd Andrew King late pastor of the Presbyterian Church in the town of Montgomery in said county. That her said husband died 18th November 1784 in the county aforesaid that she was afterward married to Benjamin Comfort who died in 1814 & that she has remained a widow since that person as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Mariah Comfort.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written my making her mark she declaring that she could never write & that she is too feeble to attend court. H. W. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com. Pleas