

Pension Application for James Lee

R.6246 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married on or about the 30 October 1773. James died June 29, 1824.

State of New York

Dutchess County Ss.

On this seventh day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before the undersigned Daniel D. Aikin one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess, Elizabeth Lee a resident of the Town of Beekman in said County of Dutchess and State of New York who being duly affirmed according to law doth depose and say that she is eighty four years of age and doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 & the amended act passed March 3d 1837.

That she is the widow of James Lee and was married to him on or about the 30th day of October in the year 1773, by Andrew Morehouse Esquire a magistrate authorized to perform the ceremony of marriage that her said husband died on the twenty ninth day of June in the year 1824 and that she has remained a widow ever since the period of her said husband's death as will more fully appear by to the proof hereunto annexed that some two or three years after she was married to the said James Lee the precise time she can not state James Lee enlisted or was drafted or called in what manner she can not state in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary Army as a soldier that he was then absent from home and gone as a soldier for six months & as she understood and believes he was in the army under General George Washington on Long Island and on their retreat up the Hudson River and was engaged at the Battle at White Plains but who his Captain was or commanding officer, or in what Regiment he then belonged to, the applicant has forgotten that afterwards the next year (she thinks) he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army for six months under Captain Thomas Lee who raised a company of militia in the Town of Beekman in Dutchess County & marched them towards the Northern frontier of the State of New York and her said husband at that time was gone for six months as a soldier and was promoted to the Office of Sergeant during the time under his Brother the said Captain Thomas Lee and as he believes acted & performed the duties of Sergeant during his stay in the army during that period—and this deponent further says that James Lee her husband when she was married to him in the year 1773 was of the age of twenty one years. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Lee

Affirmed to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Daniel D. Akins Judge of Dutchess County Courts.