

### **Pension Application for John Lee**

R.6248 (Widow: Ester or Esther) Married first of May 1781 at Yorktown, Westchester County, State of New York, also known as Crumpond or Grumpound. Married by Reverend Samuel Sacket, Pastor of the church called, "Kirk of Scotland". John died 22 September 1835 in consequence of a fall & injury by his wagon.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836,.

State of New Jersey

Morris County SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1839, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Mrs. Esther Lee, a resident of Morris township in the County of Morris & State of New Jersey, aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

I am the widow of John Lee, who was a private as I believe, in the Militia of the State of New York or of the State troops of that State & performed military service in the revolutionary war, under the orders of Colonel Clinton or General Clinton, along the Hudson river, & in various other places, unknown to me. For particulars & details of his service, I respectfully refer the Commissioners of pensions to the declaration of John Lee, my Dec'd husband, now on the files of the pension office, upon which a pension of forty one dollars & nine cents (\$41.09) per annum was granted him, under the law of 1832 & regularly paid to him to the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1835, as I believe, by the Pension agent of New Jersey.

I was married to the said John Lee on the first of May 1781, at Yorktown, Westchester County, state of New York. Yorktown was then called & commonly known by the name of Crumpond or Grumpound. My father's name was Horton & my husbands parents, as well as mine, lived at Crumpond, now Yorktown where we were married by Reverend Samuel Sacket then Pastor of the Church there, called, "Kirk of Scotland". My husband & resided there till the war was over, after which we removed to Poughkeepsie, or rather a little above Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County.

My husband, the said John Lee, performed military service after our marriage in 1781 to the end of the war, but how much, I cannot tell. I know he was called out upon military duty, under Captain Henry Strang & Capt. Pendency along the Hudson river & went to the city of New York & Haaelem. In the year 1782, the next year after our marriage he was in the public military service a great portion of the year.

I believe the words of the Church kept by Rev'd Mr. Sacket at Crumpond were lost in time of the revolution altho I do not know that they contained any record of marriages solemnized by him. I have a bible record of our marriage, kept by my husband, containing the time of our marriage & the ages of our children, which I expect to send to the Pension officer. Mary Lee, sister of my husband, was present at our marriage, as appears by an affidavit hereto annexed. His younger brother, Robt P. Lee & Henry Strang have both made depositions of the militia services of my husband, which are hereto annexed. They were taken before James White Esqr, Justice of the

peace in Westchester County in March 1837 & was forwarded to me in New Jersey without the official character of the Justice being certified by the County Clerk & without any certificate of the veracity of either of the 3 witnesses.

They were returned to West Chester to have those differences supplied & more came back into my hands until within a month –past, having been left in case of a friend in N. York City by whom they were forgotten or neglected till this time, and this is the true reason why my application has been so long delayed, since the death of my husband, who died on the 22d day of September 1835, in consequence of a fall & injury by his wagon.

After our marriage he was often called out upon military duties, for several weeks at a time & was in several skirmishes along the river Hudson & fi by the laws of my Country I am entitled to a pension during the few days which may remain for me, in consequence of my husband's revolutionary services, it will be thankfully received.

I have remained a widow since the death of my husband, the aforesaid John Lee, to the present time, as will more fully appear, by reference to the testimony hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed at Morristown the day first mentioned viz March 28<sup>th</sup> 1839. (Signed) Ester Lee

Before me, John Hunt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County.