

Pension Application for Robert H. Livingston

W.3100 (Widow: Catharine R.) Robert died August 31, 1804.

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Eastern District

State of Pennsylvania SS.

On this nineteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before the District Court of the United States & for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Catharine R. Livingston of the County of Philadelphia In the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, formerly of Poughkeepsie in he County of Dutchess and in the State of New York, aged sixty six 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 an Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widdows" [widows]

That she is the widdow of Robert H. Livingston who held the rank of a second Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War army of the United States, and that he took rank as such from the 29th day of June 1781, as appears from his commission. That she always supposed as well from what she heard the said Robert H. Livingston, her said Husband say, as from what others said being members of his family; that he the said Robert H. Livingston entered the service of the United States, to serve in the Army, at an early period of the said revolutionary war; when he was not more than eighteen years of age, as a volunteer, that he continued in the service during the whole war, or until the army was disbanded, that he belonged to the Regiment which was under the command of Colonel Anthony Lamb, that her said husband was in actual service the greater part of the time, if not the whole time that he belonged to the army, that in October 1782 he had the command at Johnstown on the river Mohawk in the State of New York, that he was with the American Army, at the taking of YorkTown, the surrender of Cornwallis, that the said Robert H. Livingston resided at the time of his entering the service of his country, at Poughkeepsie aforesaid in the County of Dutchess, and State of New York, and also that she the said Catharine R. Livingston has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, except the said commission.

And the said Catharine R. Livingston further deposeseth & declares that the said Robert H. Livingston died at Poughkeepsie aforesaid, on the thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four; that she was married to the said Robert H. Livingston at Poughkeepsie aforesaid, on the the [sic] twenty ninth day of February In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two (1792) that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place, previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated, and that she has not since been married again.

And the said Catharine R. Livingston further declares that she is the person mentioned in a certificate of marriage. Signed by the Rev'd A. M. Mann the present Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Poughkeepsie as aforesaid, as Catharine Tappan, and as having been married to Robert Livingston on the twenty ninth day of

February in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and ninety two (1792) that she believes her said husband was Baptised by the name of Robert Livingston but that he took the middle name of Henry as or before the time of his being twenty one years of age, and signed his name Robert H. Livingston;, for the sake of being distinguished from others of the name of Robert Livingston, one of more of whom resided at that time in the said County of Dutchess and that the entry made in the original record of their marriage by the Rev'd Mr. Gray; then Pastor of the Revered Dutch Church of Poughkeepsie aforesaid, as contained in the said certificate of the Rev'l A.M. Mann, the present Pastor in the following words & figures viz. 1792 Feby 29th Robert Livingston with Catharine Tappan was either entered inadvertently by the Rev'd Mr. ;gray or after referring to the record of the Baptism of the said Robert H. Livingston. (Signed) Catharine R. Livingston

All of which is sworn to and subscribed by the said Catharine R. Livingston on the day and year first above written in open District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Witness my hand & Seal of said County at Philadelphia the day & year first above written. Ira Hopkinson, Clk Dist City.