

### **Pension Application for John Lynch**

R.6548 (widow: Mary)

State of New York

City and County of New York SS

Marcy Lynch at present residing at No 190 Chapel Street, doth during the last seven years a resident in the City of New York being duly sworn doth depose and say.

That she is now sixty two years of age and a widow. That she has been only once married that is to say, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four she married John Lynch who died on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1827 at the age of 84 years.

That her said husband during the whole of the American Revolution was attached as he has always been informed and verily believes to the Revolutionary Army—

That he was in the Battle on Long Island as also that of White Plains, and was removed from there by Genl Washington to West Point where he attended upon the Gen's staff.

That he remained there the whole was except when he once was sent out against the Indians.

That she is unable to state with great certainty what particular company he was attached to, but she recollects hearing him say that his Coll: was Coll: Platt—His majors name she thinks was Major Haskell. She has frequently heard him talking to and with other Revolutionary soldiers and officers, about the events of the Revolution and has heard him tell of a battle where there was a great fight in which Gen McDougel was engaged.

That her husband never applied for a pension and always declined doing so, although she has heard Mr. Pomeroy and others ask him to apply and she has no reason to doubt that had he done so he would have succeeded.

That her said husband was wounded during the Revolution but she does not know at what battle—and believes that it was owing to his bravery that Gen. Washington kept him at West Point as his waiter. Deponent further saith that she was born in this state at Snedens ferry in the town of Rockland County of Orange and was raised in this city.

That subsequently to her marriage her husband kept a dry good store in this City and removed from here to Boston where they lived until his death—after which, about one year, she came to this City.

That her said husband left no property and deponent is now without any means to provide for herself and; is too aged and infirm to gain a living for herself.

(Signed with her mark) Mary Lynch

Sworn this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1835 before me after been read & explained to her. William Wiley Assistant Justice &c.

Mrs. Mary Lynch—Born at Tappan Rockland County – her husband born in the City of Dublin Ireland, he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War under the command of Genl Washington & at the first battle on Long Island was under the command of

Genl McDougals at that time, it appears he gave his troops a plenty of Powder & Whiskey in order to make them fight; he at that time got a severe wound in the right leg by a bullet which disabled him for a length of time; at another Battle, thinks it was at White Plains, where he was badly wounded occasioned by the point of the Bayonet in his left side which caused a large kind of a Teat to grown untill the time of his death, which was in 1827 June 17<sup>th</sup>.

She recollects of hearing him state frequently about General Washington shooting a British officer & then took his horse which he rode to [?] afterward, he called him the Britton he was beautiful white animal—thence they went to West Point, that being Head Quarters & encamped, during that time the Indians up to Northern parts; don't recollect the names of the place killed a great many of the American troops Genl Washington at that time sent a force of 500 men of which he was one to help kill off those Indians. Genl Washington fell in with a person of whom was in the habit of buying Furs &c of the Indians he paid him a very large Bounty to act as guide for the Troops, had a Fight at a place call'd Bowling Green, a Col Webb then being in command, after driving them off & killing a great many found a young squaw & gave orders to some of his men to wrap her up in his old overcoat & took her in to the Baggage Waggon to West Point. Genl Washington afterwards took him in as head servant with him as he considered him such a brave solder—at the time Genl Washington went from New York to West Point upon the Ice he was then with him that happened to be in a very cold winter don't recollect what year but has often heard him speak of it &c.

He continued with him in that situation untill he was discharged by Genl Washington. He had served his time out & received his papers for his soldiers lands of which he sold & got money to purchase clothing thence proceeded to New York. During the war he was under the command of a Col. Platt—Major Haskell, he was married in 1790 August 6<sup>th</sup> at New York by a Mr. Burk. Mr. John Hatch & Miss Margareth Gomins was witness at that time of the above Mrs. Mary Lynch is willing to be sworn to at any time.