

Pension Application for Cornelius Martin or Tamar Martin

R.6974 New York residence of widow in 1853

State of New York

Livingston County SS.

One this 29th day of April 1853 personally appeared before me Leman Gibbs a Justice of Sepins of Court of Sepins of the said County of Livingston Tamar Martin a resident of this town of Conesus in the County of Livingston aforesaid aged seventy eight years who first being duly sworn according to law on her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the 3d of February 1853 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of Cornelius Martin who was a private in the Army of the Revolution as she has heard him say and went into the service with his uncle Ethan Allen and served with him a while as his Waiter he the said Cornelius being at the time he went into this service about fifteen or sixteen years of age. But she can't recollect how long he said he served or how long he was in the army, but recollects he said he was at the battle when General Burgoyne and army was taken prisoners and continued in service until the close of the war at which time he received a discharge or certificates of the services which he rendered and that he said he considered it of no value and he burned it or destroyed it—she has heard him tell about an officer under whom he served by the name of McKinster or McKinstry or McKinly or some such kind of a name but can't recollect exactly what the name was nor where he said he served but well recollects that he served until the close of the war and that has always been understood ever since she became acquainted with him—and in the community where he resided.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cornelius Martin on the 27th day of February (1792) one thousand seven hundred and ninety two—that her husband died the twenty seventh day of June eighteen hundred and fifty that she was married to him prior to the second of January eighteen hundred at the time above stated—She further declares that she is now a widow. (Signed with her mark) Tamar Martin

Sworn and subscribed in the day and year above written before me and I certify that the above named Tamar Martin is unable by reason of bodily infirmity and [?] of age to appear and make her declaration. Leman Gibbs, a Justice of the Court of Sepins in and for the county of Livingston, NY