

Pension Application for Abner Mather or Marther

W.2822 (Widow: Deborah) Abner and Deborah married in the Month of September 1798 at the town of Dunham, now town of Cairo by Daniel Brown Esqr, Justice of the Peace. Abner died at the town of Atwater, Portage County, Ohio on or about the first day of April 1838.

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State of New York

Greene County SS.

On the thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty personally appeared in open Court at a court of common pleas held in & for the said County of Greene being a court of record, for the said of unlimited Jurisdiction Abner Mather aged sixty eight years resident in the town of Dunham in the said County of Greene who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he entered into the service in the regiment commanded by Col. Elisha Sheldon in a company then commanded by Benjamin Talmage in the Connecticut line afterwards by Captain Ezekiel Porter Sheldon.

That the original declaration of this declarant for the benefit of the act of Congress entitled "an act not provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed the 18th day of March 1818 was made on the seventeenth day of April 1818 that he is [?] on the pension list roll as appears by the certificate of the honorable the secretary at war dated the second day of December 1818 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than that what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed Real Property.

I have none either in law, equity, personal property, as follows one yoke of oxen one heifer & six sheep a pair of tinkers shears a soddering iron two hammers & two old files & that the said property does not in value exceed the sum of seventy dollars the property was purchased with the money drew on his pension certificate. That the said declarant is by occupation a tinker & a cripple in one of his arms and unable to work that he has no family but himself. (Signed) Abner Mather

Sworn & declared this 31st day of May 1820 before me in open court. Wm VanBergen Clk

The court estimate the value of the [?] property contained in his inventory at seventy dollars. [?] Cantine, Benj Haxton, Tho E. Barker

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 29th July 1848.

Sstate of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this 23rd day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared before me, Lyman Fremain County Judge within and for the County and state aforesaid, in open court, Deborah Marther, a resident of the Town of Cairo, in said county aged 86, years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 29, 1848. That she is the widow of Abner Marther deceased, who was a private in the Revolutionary War and who drew a pension from the United States at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum.

She further declares that she was lawfully married to the said Abner Marther, in the month of September in the year 1798 (the day of the month she cannot now recollect) at the then town of Dunham, now town of Cairo, aforesaid by Daniel Brown, Esqr a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid. She further states that she has not any family record of her said marriage, nor can she find any town, county or church records of the same; after a diligent search.

That her husband the said Abner Marther, died at the town of Atwater Portage County and State of Ohio, on or about the first day of April 1838, as she is informed and verily believes to be true. That she was no married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage tooke [took] place previous to the second day of January 1800, at the time and place above stated.

And she further declares that she is still the widow of the said Abner Marther deceased, and that she never has before made any application for pension.

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She further declares that she and her said husband Abner Marther, continued to live together as husband & wife from the time of their said marriage and had two children till the summer of the year 1807, (the month not now recollected) when her said husband left her and went to reside with his children at Durham aforesaid, which he had by a former deceased wife, that the cause and reason of her said husband leaving her was his want of pecuniary means to support them and their family and also of his bodily infirmities, lameness, which Rendered him unable to labor for their support.

That his said children by the said former wife prevailed on him to go and live with them and promised him (as she was informed by her husband) that they would provide for and support him, and that her said husband while so living with his said children frequently called at her residence in Cairo, to see her and inquire her health and welfare, and that after he obtained his pension from the United States, contributed a portion of it to her support while he lived in Dunham aforesaid, with said children. That after living with his said children at Dunham for several years his said children prevailed on him to remove with them to the town of Atwater, Portage

County and State of Ohio, at which place her said husband Abner Marther died as aforesaid.

And she further declares that there never was any difficulty between her & her said husband to cause him to leave her or any desire on her part for him to leave her but their separation was wholly and entirely owing to the causes and reasons above stated, and for no other cause or reason, to her knowledge or belief.

And she further declares that neither she nor her said husband (to her Knowledge or belief) ever instituted any legal proceedings against each other to dissolve their said marriage contract, or for any marriage separation nor was any such order or decree ever asked by her or her said husband (to her knowledge or belief), nor was there ever any such order or decree granted, and that she has always ever afterwards from the time of her said marriage considered herself the lawful wife of the said Abner Marther, deceased and the said deceased her lawful husband. (Signed with her mark) Deborah Marther

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first above written.
L. Tremain, Greene County Judge