

Pension Application for Alexander McKey

R.6749 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married fall of 1788. Alexander died June 3, 1830.

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 widows."

State of New York

Chemung county SS.

On this twentieth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven personally appeared before Joseph L. Darling first Judge of the county Court of the county of Chemung Elisabeth McKey a resident of the Town of Veteran in the County of Chemung and State of New York aged Eighty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July July [sic] 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half-pay and pension s to certain widows," and acts explanatory of and amending the same,

That she is the widow of Alexander McKey late of the Town of Erin in said State of New York who served in the war of the revolution as hereinafter stated. That her husband, the said Alexander McKey resided. That he husband, the said Alexander McKey resided during said War of the Revolution about ten miles south of the City of Albany in the County of Albany & said State of New York from whence (as Declarant has always heard him relate & which she verily believes true) he entered sais service and served during the greater portion with the Troops of the New York from that vicinity. That her said husband served between one & two or nearly two years as a Fifer and also as a Sergeant in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaack. That her said husband died in the Town of Erin in the County of Chemung aforesaid on the third day of June eighteen hundred & thirty.

And Declarant further said, that she was married to the said alexander McKey on the eighteenth day of October seventeen hundred and eighty eight by the Revd John Young a Presbyterian Clergyman at Princetown now Schenectady County N.Y. that the following person were present at her marriage, to wit: her sisters, Jannet, and Ann, Thomas Gifford and wife, Archibald Comb and wife, John & Ellen Park; John McKey; George McWilliam and others.

That previous to her said marriage she resided in the Town of Princetown aforesaid and bore the maiden name of Milroy.

That her husband the said Alexander McKey died as aforesaid on the third day of June 1830. That since his death she remained single and unmarried. That she & her said husband kept a family record which was burned & destroyed, being consumed by fire together with the residence or house of Declarants son, about four weeks ago. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth McKey

Subscribed and sworn the day and year first aforesaid before me. J. S. Darling first Judge of the County Court of the County of Chemung State of New York.