

**Pension Application for Jeremiah Merit or Merrit or Merret**

R.7138

Amended Application for Pension  
Westchester County SS.

The said Jeremiah Merrit being further duly sworn saith that the only reason why he had not made an earlier application for a pension is; that he felt determined to support himself by his own labour without the assistance of his country and that he continued to do so until he was taken sick from which sickness he hath never recovered and is now rendered altogether unable to procure a living by manual labor; and that during this sickness he was advised by his neighbours & friends to make application for a pension, which are the only reasons for his so doing.

And this deponent further saith that as regards the changes which have taken place in this property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 he having alleged in his annexed declaration that there was no material difference between his property at the time of making the said application and on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; he the deponent sill says that from that period up to the present time he has never been worth three hundred dollars at furthest.

And that his is now worth no more than is stated in his aforesaid schedule and that the diminution of his property to its present state has been in consequence of his protracted sickness and no other cause and further saith not. (Signed) Jeremiah Merit  
Swotn the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1829 before me. John Sing, Commissioner

Original Claim

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this first Monday of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight personally appeared in open court (being a court of Record) in and for the County of Westchester aforesaid Jeremiah Merritt resident in said County aged sixty six years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, that he the said Jeremiah Merrit enlisted for and during the term of the Revolutionary War in or about the month of October (the exact time this declarant doth not recollect) in the year 1780 at the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Daniel DeLavan in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortlandt in the lien of the of the State of New York on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said company for about one year when the declarant was transferred to the company commanded by Lieutenant Charles Newkirk in the said Regiment in which 1st mentioned company the declarant continued to serve for about 15 months when the declarant was taken to prisoner by a corpse [corps] of British dragoons and carried to the City of New York where this declarant was kept a prisoner until the end of the said war, and that his name is not on the pension list of the United States and never has been.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United Sates in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or escurities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is continued in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

And that there is no material difference between my property now and on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. (Signed) Jeremiah Merritt

Sworn to and declared on the first day of December 1828 before me in open court. A. B. Alth, Clk