

Pension Application for Christopher Midlar

W.16447 (Former Widow: Mary) Married June 12, 1781. Christopher died 1796 or 1797 about the 10th of June.

Declaration. In order to obtain he benefit of the third Section of the Act of Congress of the 4th July 1837 of the section of the Act of 3d March 1837.

On this 31st day of August 1837 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County in open court at the Courthouse in the Town of Salina in said County, the same being a court of record, Mary Townsend, a resident of the Town of Pompey in the County of Onondaga, aged seventthree [seventy-three] years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said that passed March 3d 1837.

That she was married to Christopher Midlar on the 12th day of June in the year 1781 according to the best of his recollection, & as she verily believes, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War & according to the best of her knowledge and belief, he entered the service in the year 1775, or 1776, that he was then a resident of Clermont in Columbia County, State aforesaid – until left the service in the year 1783, that he served first, as a waiter for Captain or (A) Colonel Keerman for the term of nine months—that afterwards (he enlisted for during the war & served as a private & Serjeant or Corporal (B) in Col. Lamb's Regiment of Artillery in Capt Andrew Moody's Company, that he served during the aforesaid)C) period at Westpoint, & was at Fort Montgomery when it was stormed by General Vaughan, & was severely wounded there in his side which left a s car nine inches in length.

That during the period of his said service, he was in the northern excursion at the time & place when Col Butler was killed at the West Canada creek in Herkimer County in the State aforesaid—that he was continued in the service till after the peace in 1783 was regularly discharged at Westpoint, but the discharge here issued then & there has long since been lost.

And that the declarant now resides with her son James Midlar, on a lot of land in said Town of Pompey which was awarded to her said husband for his serviced in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid.

She further declares that she was married to the said Christopher Midlar at, or about the time aforesaid according to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that her marriage was solemnized by Domini Daniel Cuck at Clermont aforesaid, that said Christopher Midlar died in the same town in the year 1796 or 1797 on or about the 10th of June—that she was afterwards was married to Richard Townsend, who died in Allegany County State aforesaid, in December 1833, and that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836, & still remains a Widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That she has no documentary evidence to support her claim, the discharge from the service which the said Christopher Midlar received at Westpoint having been lost as before stated.

That the said Christopher In his lifetime kept a family record of his said marriage to the declarant & of the births of his children in a Bible which was worn out and destroyed by the said children at school.

She further declares that her maiden name was Mary Miller & that after her marriage to the said Christopher Midler at Clermont as aforesaid.

She went to Westpoint to visit him her said husband & he found means to provide as dwelling house there & she remained there with him; and kept house till he was discharged from the service as aforesaid being a period of about two years, during which period or a part of the same he served as Serjeant or Corporal (D) in Capt. Moody's Company as she was then there informed & now verily believes. (Signed with her mark) Mary Townsend

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written & I certify that the interlineations at (A) (B) (C) and (D) were made before signing. A. Edwards Clerk