

Pension Application for James Newcomb

W.21835 (Widow: Judith) Married November 19, 1778. James died November 1823.
State of New York
Rensselaer County

On this 21st day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before George R. Davis first judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Rensselaer, Judith Newcomb a resident of the town of Pittstown in said County of Rensselaer in said State of New York aged eighty years the eighteenth day of September now last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to claim the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July Fourth in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3d 1837.

That she is the widow of James Newcomb late of the said town of Pittstown in Rensselaer County aforesaid, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six she resided in the County of Dutchess in said State in a place called Little Nine Partners not far from Cold Spring in the family of Adonijah Newcomb the father so said James Newcomb. That James Newcomb went out to New York and Long Island on several expeditions in the course of the year and was in the service six months and was employed during the time on the Island of New York in building a Fort or Battery as she was informed and believes and the next year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven James Newcomb went in the service on an expedition to the north under John Rouse as Captain and was at the surrender of Burgoyne in October one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven as I was informed and believe as said James Newcomb was absent from home several months as she then resided in the family and continued there until they were married which marriage was consummated on the Nineteenth day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight by Elder Conner Bullock a minister of the Baptist denomination who resided in the neighborhood of Cold Spring at the time of the marriage.

And that in the spring of one thousand seven hundred and eighty Adonijah Newcomb and James Newcomb and their families moved from Dutchess County of Pittstown then Albany County now Rensselaer County and after arriving at their new settlement in the course of the summer and fall her husband James Newcomb was frequently called out on expeditions two or three times on the northern frontier In the Course of the year and served under Captain Cornelius Wiltsey in Colonel Peter Yates Regiment. He also went in the service in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

That her husband, the said James Newcomb died In the month of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. That she was married to said James Newcomb before leaving the service and that she has remarried a widow, of the said James Newcomb ever since the decease of the said James Newcomb as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed and she further saith that by

reason of bodily infirmity she is unable to appear in Court to make the declaration aforesaid.

And the said applicant further states that her marriage aforesaid, was entered about the period of the said marriage, in the family Bible, which bible has been long since destroyed. That she has no record within her [?] of such marriage, that the said Bullock has been long since dead, that she lived with the said James Newcomb from the day of the marriage aforesaid, as his wife untill his death aforesaid, and her oldest child born to her from the marriage aforesaid is a daughter [?] now residing with her aged about sixty years of age. (Signed with her mark) Judith Newcomb.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the 21st day of April 1840. Geor. R. Davis,
First Judge of Rensselaer County Courts.