

Pension Application for Jacob Purdy

W.17502 (Widow: Abigail) Married 1762. Jacob died December 20, 1822. Abigail died Nov 12, 1839.

State of New York

Town of Greenburgh

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before me Caleb Tompkins first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county of Westchester, Abigail Purdy a resident of the said Town of Greenburgh aged ninety three years on the twenty second day of march last who being by me 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 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Jacob Purdy who was as this declarant believes a lieutenant under Captain Jonathan P. Horton, who commanded a company of Militia which was raised in the summer of the year 1776 for the period of one year. That the said Jacob Purdy at that time resided in the Town of North Castle in the said County and continued a member of said company as this deponent now believes for one years. That the said Jacob Purdy from the time he first enlisted in the American service (by becoming a member of said company) until the close of the Revolutionary War either served as an officer or volunteer on the American lines in the County of Westchester or as a forage Master for the American Troops in said County.

That at one time during said war the said Jacob Purdy had command of a company of men which was attached to a Regiment of Militia then commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas lying in the County of Westchester aforesaid. But the particular services in which the said Jacob Purdy was engaged and the length of time he served this declarant cannot now remember but refers to the affidavits of person to whom the said Jacob Purdy was known hereunto annexed.

That the family of the said Jacob Purdy at the time the battle of White Plains was fought resided at a place called Robbin's Mills in the said Town of North Castle. And this declarant well recollected that on the evening of the day on which that battle was fought (the said Jacob Purdy) returned to his family and stated that he had been all day engaged in that battle and that the said Jacob Purdy was always equipped in the American Uniform.

And this declarant further states that she was married to the said Jacob Purdy on the 18th day of October 1762 and that the said Jacob Purdy on the twenty second day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty two—departed this life at the Tours of White P:lains in said County. That this declarant was married to the said Jacob Purdy at the time aforesaid by her father the Reverend John Smith who Presbyterian clergyman and then resided at White Plains in the said County of Westchester.

And this declarant further states that the paper hereunto annexed marked "A" was cut under the direction of this declarant from her family bible and which paper in the family record of this declarant and the said Jacob.—kept In the hand writing of the said Jacob, and in whose possession the same always remained until his death and that it was then taken by this declarant who ever since hath had it in her possession.

And this declarant further states that she was married to the said Jacob Purdy prior to his leaving the service and that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. That she is now the widow of the said Jacob Purdy and hath so remained ever since his death which will also appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

And this declarant further saith that she hath no documentary evidence in support of this her claim but that the only evidence she can now produce are the affidavit, of the persons hereunto annexed and herein before referred to each and every one of whom were well and intimately acquainted with her husband the said Jacob Purdy and know and have knowledge of all the service of the said Jacob Purdy during said Revolutionary land can state the same more particularly that this declarant. (Signed with her mar) Abigail Purdy

Sworn to and subscribed on the 27th day of April AD 1837 before me. Caleb Tompkins.