

Pension Application for Martin Reese

W.20318 (Widow: Magdalena Kelly)

State of New York

Albany Justice's Court SS.

On the 20th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six, personally appeared before the Justice's Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) Magdalena Kelly, a resident of the City of Albany, aged about seventy eight 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 the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, and the 2d of August 1842, granting pensions to Widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the Widow of Martin Reese, who was a private in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and served as such private in the company commanded by Capt. Wendell (1) in the New York line of the Army.

She further declares that she was married to the said Martin Reese on the tenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three (2).

That her Husband aforesaid Martin Reese, died as near as she can recollect, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three about ten years after their marriage.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred ninety four viz—at the time above stated.

She further declares, that after the death of the Husband above said, she was married to Philip Kelly, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten—that she does not remember the day nor the month of her marriage to said Philip Kelly.

That he the said Philip Kelly died on the fourth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty.

And that she has ever since remained and now is a widow.

She further declares that she was married to the said Martin Reese her first Husband, at the House of the Patron of Albany, and that the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev'd Mr. Westerlo, then the Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of Albany—

She further declares that her name previous to her first marriage was Magdalena Jacob and that she was commonly called Lena or Lana among the [descendants?] of the Dutch of her acquaintance—(Signed with her mark) Magdalena Reese

She also states that she never learned to write.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year first above written in open court and the signature of the Clerk thereof. D. Holt, Clerk

End Notes—W.20318—Martin Reese

1. Martin enlisted as a private on January 7, 1777 in Captain John H. Wendell's Seventh Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment for during war. He deserted in July of 1777 and rejoined the

regiment in January of 1778. Appointed Corporal in June 1780. He served until discharged in June of 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 4, National Archives, Washington, D.C. He would have fought at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778 and in the Yorktown, VA, Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.

2. William May one of the Church Masters had the custody of the records of the said church. Martin Reese was married to Lena Jacobis, on the tenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three. His testimony was dated June 20, 1846.