

**Pension Application for William Rude**

W.16394 (Widow: Mary) Married May 21, 1884. William died on June 12, 1800.

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pension to certain widows."

State of ;New ;York

St. Lawrence County SS.

On this sixth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty before me Anthony C. Brown, one of the Judges of the County Courts in & for the said County of St. Lawrence, personally appeared Mary Rude of the town of Augusta in the County of Leeds and province of Upper Canada, aged seventy eight 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an "act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of William Rude who was a private soldier in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

That deponent has often heard the said William relate the incidents & particulars of his service, but deponent does not now remember them and can not state the names of any of the officers under whom he served, or the places where he was stationed. But she has been told & believes that he served a part of the time under Colonel VanSchaic [VanSchaick] in Captain Finch's Company. That deponent has often heard the said William talk of the taking of Cornwalli's [Cornwallis'] army, and believes the sais William was in the army that defeated Cornwallis and present when he was taken.

That she has no papers of her husband relating to his service, and no documentary evidence of the same. That her said husband William Rude died on the twelfth day of June about the year eighteen hundred and thirty seven years.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Rude on the twenty fifth day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, by the pastor of the Dutch Church at Claverack in the County of Columbia and State of New York, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed, and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said William. (Signed with h er mark)  
Mary Rude

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me. A.C. Brown Judge, St. Lawrence County Courts &c.