

**Pension Application for James Selkirk**

W.24932 (Widow: Elizabeth, married Jan'y 12, 1786. Both of Rensselaer Manor.)

2 yrs. Sergeant, Second NY Regiment, New York Line

No. 1 . . . . Declaration.

I James Selkirk of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany in the State of New-York, *DO*, according to the act of the Congress of the United States of American, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and "Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," make the following DECLARATION under oath, that is to say: *I do solemnly declare*, that I am a resident citizen of the United States, to wit, in the town, county and state aforesaid, and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support. *I do further declare*, that I was a Sergeant in the *War of the Revolution*, and that I served as such in the said war of the revolution, against the common enemy, until the end of the said war, for the term of seven years and upwards during said war in the Continental establishment.

That I belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Pell in Col. VanCortlandt's regiment, and in the line of New York.

And I do further declare, that I entered the said service in January one thousand seven hundred and seventy six—and left the said service in June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, having left the same by reason of the expiration of my said term of enlistment, at which time I received a regular discharge, which discharge, I gave to William McGill, to whom I sold my bounty land, in order to enable him the more fully to substantiate his title thereto—

*And I do further declare*, that I hereby relinquish all claim to every and any Pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, or of any individual state. *Witness* my hand, this thirty-first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. (Signed) Ja's Selkirk

Witness: Estes Howe, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Albany, E. Barclay.

State of New York  
Albany County SS.

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Justice's Court of the City of Albany (the same being a court of record) Elizabeth Selkirk a resident of the Town of Bethlehem, in said County, aged seventy tow 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, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of James Selkirk who was a soldier of the revolution and a pensioner of the United States under the act of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Selkirk, on the twelfth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred eighty six. That her husband James Selkirk died on the 2d or 3d day of December in the year on thousand eight hundred and twenty one; 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 and ninety four—viz—at the time above stated.

She further states that her surname previous to her marriage was Henry and the marriage took place in the city of Albany and the ceremony was performed by the Rev'd Mr. McDonato Porter of a Presbyterian Church in said City.—

She is unable to write here name, owing to infirmity. (Signed) Elizabeth Selkirk

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written in open court. John G. Wasson  
Ck.