

Pension Application for Silas Shipman

W.17807 (Widow: Sarah) Married November 26, 1778. Died February 4, 1832.

State of New York

Madison County. SS.

On the 12th day of June 1838 personally appeared before Epenetus Holmes one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Madison, Sarah Shipman a resident of the town of Nelson in said county aged seventy eight years in the month of August last part, 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 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of silas Shipmen deceased, who served as a teamster in the war of the Revolution. According to the best recollection of this declarant, the said Silas Thipman enlisted as a teamster at the town of Lyme in the State of Connecticut under Capt. William Matson, who was a Commissary General & that he so enlisted in the month of April in the year 1778. That served as a teamster as aforesaid two years and six months.

That he went to Hartford, North River, Danbury, White Plains, Fairfield, Boston & other places not recollected. She believes that the company consisted of her said husband's Josiah Church, Saml & Cyrus Cornstack, Jabez Cornstack, Saml Cone, John Wylie, Brazella Willie, Gabriel Ely, Jabez Ely, Saml Sill & others whose name are not recollected.

She further declares that she was married to the said Silas Shipman at Lyme (Conn) by Ezra Selder, Esq of Lyme on the 26th day of November 1778 & that her maiden name was Sarah Sanders & that her said husband Silas Shipman died on the fourth day of February 1832 & that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by a reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That she has no Record of her marriage & has no Record of her said husbands service. (& that none of her children were ever baptized) (Signed with her mark) Sarah Shipman.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year above written & I certify that the said declarant Sarah Shipman cannot from bodily infirmity attend court. Epenetus Holmes, Judge of Madison County Courts.