

Pension Application for Silas Southerland or Sutherland

S.23003 Silas died December 10, 1846. One child surviving, Silas. Other children, Sally, Serina, John. Sergeant under Captain Hobby and Captain Lyon, Westchester County Militia.

Supreme Court

Special Term

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this 7th day of September 1847 in open court personally appeared Silas Sutherland a resident of North Castle in said county aged seventy years last January who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension which was due his father and as he is informed & believes is now due this declarant, the only child under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he is one and the only child of Silas Sutherland who was a Sergeant in the War of the Revolution and served under Captain Hobby and Captain Lyon in the Militia of Westchester County where he resided during said war.

That he has frequently heard his said father and others tell of his service in said war, but the reasons why his said father did not make application for a pension in his life time, is as follows viz he resided so far in the interior of the country that he was not satisfactorily informed whether or not a person who only served in the Militia was entitled to a pension, and if they were, he did not know of any, who were his comrades in the service, that were living, by whom to prove his service & therefore never made any application & this declarant was not satisfactorily informed of his father's rights until within six months past, being since the death of his father.

Declarant further saith that his father the said Silas Sutherland died on the tenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty six and at the time of his death, left no widow, but left him surviving only one child viz, this declarant, and this declarant further saith that the date of his said father's birth is recorded in an ancient family Bible of his said father's which bible is now in the possession of this declarant. (Signed) Silas Sutherland.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this 7th day of September 1847. Munson I. Lockwood.
Clerk W.C. Co. Courts