

Pension Application for John Spoor
W.25065 (Widow: Rachael)
State of New York
Onondaga County SS.

On the third day of March 1820, personally appeared in open court in the court of common pleas in and for the county of Onondaga, being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings, John Spoor aged seventy one years, resident in the town of Pompey in said county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:--That he enlisted in Captain Thomas DeWitts company in Col. Peter Gansevoorts Regiment in the New York line of the Revolutionary Army in the year 1776 and served four year and was appointed an Ensign in 1776 in the same regiment & so continued till discharged as aforesaid, that he is now a pensioner of the United States under the act of the 8th March 1818 and holds pension certificate No. 9809.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Nineteen acres of very poor land in the town of Pompey worth not over 6 dollars per acre =98
1 old chews owned since the year 1778 worth .50
2 white ash meet barrels worth \$1. One half barrel (white ash) worth 3/, one old barrel and small churn 7/ \$1.25
1set of tea cups and saucers 2/1 sugar bowl and cream cup 2/6 .56
½ doz Com spoons (old) worth 3/ ½ doz knives and forks 4/ [?] 72
1 doz com plates (old) 2/ 1 salt cellar (glass) 1/ 37½
3 milch pans (tin & old) 4/ 4 wooden [keeters?] 1/50
2 small earthen plates, 1 quart, 1 pint cup worth 3/ 37 ½
1 pair of very old and irons with feet off worth 6/ 75
1 small shovel tongs 6/ 1 kettle and pot and spider/old 10/ 2.00
1 crank'd griddle 3/ 1 skillet old 2/ flour cask 6/ 1/37 ½
Cash [?] 3 one cow which I owe the whole for \$[?] 15/00
7 sheep 25/ 2 swine 12/ 5/62 ½
And including cow not pd for 125.17 ½

That he has a wife aged about sixty nine years and a daughter about about [sic] 3 years of age both weekly and infirm. The wife not able, but the daughter when it health is able to support herself which are the family who live with him. I am a cripple myself and own not far from town hundred dollars of honest debts. (Signed) John Spoor

Subscribed & Sworn in open court this 3d day of March 1821. Joshua Forman first Judge
Onon.Com. Pleas.

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On this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight, personally appeared before the subscribers a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for

the County of Onondaga & State aforesaid the [?] court being a court of record, Rachel Spoor a resident of the town of Lafayette in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty six years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 John Spoor who was an Ensign in the New York Line of the Army of the Revolution. That she does not recollect the Regiment in which he served or the length of time he served. But she believes he was in the service during the Revolution taken a prisoner and was afterwards discharged. She has no documentary or other proof by which his said service can be proved—She knows he applied for & obtained a pension from the Government of the United States for his said services, and that he continued to draw his pension to the time of his death which was in July in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four, but he is advised & believes that her said husband must have proved his said services to the [?] of the commissioner of Pensions at the time of procuring his said pension & she refers for proof of the said services to the proof on which the said pension was granted.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Spoor on the eighth of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one and that her husband the aforesaid John Spoor died on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four—that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January in the year seventeen hundred & ninety four viz at the time above stated. (Signed) Rachel Spoor

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day and year first above written & I certify that I am satisfied that the deponent is unable from bodily infirmity to have attended the court of Common Pleas personally & make the said declaration in open court sworn and satisfied & that this declaration is true & entitled to full credit. Johnson Hall a Judge of Onondaga Common Pleas.