

Pension Application for Jasper Steymets or Stymets

W.16666 (Rachel Oppell, Former Widow. Married Jasper March 24, 1768.)

B.L.Wt 7850, Private. Lamb's Artillery. 100 acres, issued October 12, 1790.

State of New York

City and County of New York. SS.

On this seventh day of June in the year 1837 personally appeared before Michael Ulshoeffter Esquire Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York, Rachel Oppell residing at No. 210 Sullivan Street in the said City and County, aged eighty 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 4, 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to Jasper Stymets (or Steymets) on the 24th day of March 1768, by license, according to the form then used by the Reformed Dutch Church; that the marriage took place in the City of New York before Dominie Ritzma;--that afterwards to wit, in 1777 the said Jasper Stymets enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary army of the United States, and as this deponent believes faithfully discharged his duty as such for six years thereafter.

She further declares that the said Jasper Stymets died about the year 1787, and that about six years afterwards she was married to John Oppell, who died of yellow fever in the City of New York in the year 1805, and that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836, and still is, all which will more fully and satisfactorily appear by the certificates and proof hereto annexed, and to which she refers.

This deponent further says that her maiden name was Rachel Banker, that she was born in the County of Westchester, in this State, but before and since her first marriage has principally resided in the City of New York, that by reason of her great age her memory has become somewhat defective, and she cannot be certain that she has set forth the precise year of the death of her first husband Jasper Stymets, or the precise year of her marriage to John Oppell, and her children being all dead she knows of no person to whom she could apply for information on these points. (Signed with her mark) Rachel Oppell

Sworn to and subscribed by the said Rachel Oppell in my presence this 7th day of June 1837. M. Ulshoeffter. Associate Judge, Common Pleas of New York.