

Pension Application for James Stilwell or Stilwill

W.16420 (Widow: Catharine, born Jan 10, 1762, died Jan 5, 1841.)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows" —

State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

On this 29th day of October 1839 personally appeared before me, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County being a court of record, having a clerk and a seal, Catherine Stillwell—a resident of the Town of Hector in the County of Tompkins and State of New York, aged 73 years; who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his 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 Stilwell who was a Sergeant in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War and was a pensioner of the United States; and for proof of the services of said James Stilwell said declarant would refer to his original declaration on file in the War Office.

She further declares that she was married to said James Stilwell on the 22nd day of September in the year 1782. That her husband the aforesaid James Stilwell died on the 14th day of April 1836, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 at the time above stated. (Signed) Catharine Stilwell

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before me, and I do certify that on account of old age and infirmity the said Catherine Stilwell is not able to attend court. Caleb Smith, a Judge of the County Court of the said County.

Letter in folder dated July 17, 1929, written in response to a request for information.

I advise you from the papers in the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 16420, it appears that James Stilwill (the name also appears as Stilwell enlisted, date and place not stated, for a term of three years, served as sergeant in Captain Edward Lounsbery's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of Stillwater, September 19, 1777, where he was wounded in his left hip by a musket ball. The length of his service is not shown.

He was allowed pension from August 15, 1785 on account of disability resulting from the above named wound. At that time he was a resident of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, then aged about thirty-one years.

He died April 14, 1836.

The soldier married September 22, 1782, at Marbletown, New York, Catharine Lounsbery who was born January 10, 1766. The names of her parents are not shown. She was allowed pension on her application executed October 29, 1839 while a resident of Hector, Tompkins County, New York.

The following data appear as to children:

James born December 24, 1783.

Edward Lounsbery born February 18, 1786.

Stephen born March 23, 1788, married October 26, 1815, Mary Swartwout, aged 18 yrs. 2 mos.

7 days.

Richard Lounsbery born April 7, 1790.

John Lounsbery born October 19, 1792.

Jacob born September 13, 1795.

Mary born March 19, 1798.

Cornelius S. born October 27, 1800.

Thomas born March 4, 1803.

Elizabeth born July 23, 1805.

Esther born April 12, 1807.

Jane C. born September 27, 1809.

Matilda born August 12, 1812.