

Pension Application for Peter J. Suits

W.19128 (Widow: Magdalena)

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS.

John Fealey of said county aged seventy one years, being duly sworn deposes and says that during the War of the Revolution, he was personally acquainted with Peter Suts who generally went by the name of Peter J. Suts, the late husband of Mary Magdalene Suts, who has applied for a pension, that the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts was a resident of the Town of Palatine, now Montgomery County—that deponent and the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts were near neighbors and were intimate, during the said War. That this deponent was well acquainted with the said Mary, both before & after her marriage with the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts, that he well recollects attending the marriage of the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts & the said Mary—and deponent believes they were married in the year 1786—I have heard the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts frequently say that he was in service during the war of the Revolution—that he was in the Johnstown Battle and also in the Oriskany Battle, and it has always been understood and known in the neighborhood that the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts was engaged in the service during said war, this deponent and the said Mary Magdalene wife of the said Peter Suts or Peter J. Suts are brother & sister, children of Jacob Fraley. (Signed) John Fraley

Subscribed and sworn to this 26th day of January 1847 before me—and I certify that the deponent is of reputable character and his statement entitled to full credit. Jas. W. Hamilton, Justice of the Peace in said County.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.”

State of New York

County of Oneida SS.

On this 6th day of May 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Court for said County, Magdaline Suits a resident of Verona in said County aged seventy two years and upwards, 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 7, 1838, entitled an “Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”: That she is the widow of Peter Suits, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution; that her said husband resided during the Revolution in Palatine Montgomery County; that this deponent was quite young at that time, and all that she knows of her said husbands service is what she learned and understood from him; that her said husband served several years in the war of the revolution, in different capacities, as a private, Sergeant, and as an officer; she well recollects his having named as having served under Capt. Klock or Col. Klock; also under one Capt. Wagoner or Col. Wagoner and one Thos Skinner, the time he served she is unable to set forth, but always understood he served several years.

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Suits on the 15th day of September in the year 1787 seventeen hundred and eighty seven; that her husband the aforesaid Peter Suits died in the year eighteen hundred and twenty eight; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four – viz, at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Magdeline Suits

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above written before Seth B. Roberts, Judge of Oneida County Court Comm Pleas &c.