

Pension Application for Charles Sullivan

R.10299 (Widow: Rhoda Lloyd)

State of New York

County of Chenango

Be it known that before me Elijah Fenton Jr. a Justice of the Peace in and for said county duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Polly Dorn aged seventy six years a resident of Pitcher Chenango County New York aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law says that she is the identical person who made an affidavit which affidavit she supposes is now on file at the Pension Office D.C., touching the marriage of Charles Sullivan and Rhoda Lloyd (for that was her maiden name before her marriage). The facts associated with the event touching their marriage are as follows. On the fourth day of November seventeen hundred and ninety seven she this deponent was confined at the birth of her fourth child which child was named Katharine and that the said Rhoda was her nurse which nurse had been keeping house during the summer and fall previous to this deponent's confinement as aforesaid for the said Charles Sullivan who by the way was this deponent own Uncle and old Bachelor so called at that time and that in the month of January following about one month from Christmas this deponent with an invitation to the wedding of the said Charles Sullivan and Rhoda Lloyd was present at her Uncle Charles Sullivan's house in Princetown Schenectady County New York and saw the said Charles Sullivan and Rhoda Lloyd married together by George Wasson a Justice of the Peace which Justice has long since deceased.—One other circumstance which would naturally tend to help this deponent's memory touching the date of the said marriage is this. My Uncle Charles Sullivan at this marriage was somewhat advanced in years and the girl (Rhoda Lloyd) to whom he was married to being quite young together with other visible tokens created in this deponent's mind suspicion that all was not right or as it should be. Hence this deponent kept notes in her mind of their first born which birth took place but five months and a day or two after the marriage of her Uncle Charles Sullivan to the said Rhoda Lloyd.

The reasons why this deponent remembers this distinctly is from the birth of her fourth child and the premature birth of their (Charles Sullivan and Rhoda his wife's) first born their being but between seven and eight months difference between the ages of the two children. (Signed with her mark) Polly Dorn.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of March 1837 before me. Elijah Fenton Jr., Justice of the Peace.

State of New York

County of Madison

On this 19th day of October 1849 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Rhoda Sullivan a resident of the Town of Cazenovia in the County of Madison aforesaid aged sixty eight years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 29th 1848. That this deponent believes that the services of Charles Sullivan who was a private in the United States service in the year 1777 and 1778 as set forth in the annexed affidavit made by Charles Patterson, November 17th 1818 before Henry Yates Jr. Mayor of the City of Schenectady was had as therein stated, from the fact that I am well acquainted with said Charles Patterson who signed the affidavit referred to and that she is entitled to full credit, and this deponent further believes that her late husband (Charles Sullivan) served his country in the Revolutionary War the term as above stated, from the fact that she has often heard him the said Charles Sullivan (her husband) services spoken of, and it was and is generally believed and never contradicted that he served his country as above stated. And she further declares that she and the aforesaid Charles Sullivan were married together at the house of the said Charles Sullivan in the Town of Princetown in the County of Schenectady and State of New York, whose house she then kept by the time of the said

Charles Sullivan on the 25th day of January seventeen hundred and ninety eight, and that her husband died on the 24th day of September 1822, in the Town of Pitcher, Chenango County, New York, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second of January 1800, viz; at the time above stated, and that she has seven and but seven surviving children by her late husband and their names are as follows, to wit, Charles a son was born on the 27th day of June 1798, Elizabeth a daughter was born on the 14 day of May 1801, Rebecca a daughter was born on the 14 day of April 1803, Eunice a daughter was born on the 11th day of June 1806, Rhoda a daughter was born on the 30th day of June 1808, Lloyd a son was born on the 9th day of April 1815, Mary a daughter was born March 7th 1817. She further swears that she is now a widow of the said Charles Sullivan and that she has never before made any application for a pension and that she has no record of her marriage and knows of none. The truth of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. She further says that the reason why she makes her declaration before a Justice of the Peace is in consequence of bodily infirmity which prevents her from appearing before a court of record—This deponent further says that from the best information she can get her late husband entered into the service of the United States as stated in Charles Patterson's affidavit hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Rhoda Sullivan

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this 19th day of October 1849. B. T. Clarke Justice Peace.

Schenectady SS. Charles Patterson being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he was acquainted with Charles Sullivan in the years 177 & 1778 during the revolutionary War that he knew him to be entered in the service of the said United States under Capt. Mynder Wemple and Capt. James Peck that this deponent was enrolled in the same company in the capacity of a boatman that they served together for two years. (Signed) Charles Patterson.

Sworn this 7th day of November 1818 before me. Henry Yates, Jun, Mayor of Schenectady.