

Pension Application for Laurence Tompkins

W.26552 (Widow: Margaret or Peggy) They married May 11, 1786. Laurence died March 23, 1826.

Letter in folder dated April 28, 1939, writing in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Lawrence Tompkins who died in Enfield, Tompkins County, New York in 1826.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension W.26552, based upon the military service of Lawrence Tompkins in the Revolutionary War.

Lawrence Tompkins was born April 5, 1764, in Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of New Paltz, Ulster county, New York, Lawrence Tompkins enlisted, when about fifteen years of age, served as drummer and private in Captain Jonathan Piercy's company in Colonel Albert Pawling's New York Regiment, and in Captain Daniel Delano's company in Colonel William Malcolm's New York regiment, and in Captain Moodie's company in Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery, continued in the service until the close of the war. During his service he was in the battle of Stony Point, and in several skirmishes near West Point.

Lawrence Tompkins married May 11, 1786 in Poughkeepsie, New York, Margaret (Peggy) Carmon.

The said Margaret Carmon was born October 28, 1769, place not shown; she was the daughter of Caleb Carmon, name of her mother not given.

The soldier, Lawrence Tompkins, died March 23, 1826, in Enfield, Tompkins County, New York, having moved there from Westerlo, New York.

His widow, Margaret Tompkins, was allowed pension on her application executed March 15, 1841, at which time she was a resident of Batavia, Genesee County, New York, with "some of her children", but she did not give their names.

The following data in regard to the children of Lawrence Tompkins, and wife, Margaret, are shown in the claim:

Elizabeth born January 30, 1787.

Polly born May 2, 1789.

William born April 4, 1790.

Caleb born February 13, 1792.

Laurince (?) born March 24, 1794.

John born March 1, 1796.

Sally born March 25, 1798.

Elizabeth Tompkins married June 22, 1807, John D. Laster;

Polly Tompkins married June 12, 1808, Truman Cook;

Lawrence Tompkins married February 25, 1816, Hannah Sampson;

Caleb Tompkins was living in 1841, in Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York.

Reference was made in 1842 to a brother of the soldier, Lawrence Tompkins; his name was not stated.

In 1852, one James D. Tompkins was of Batavia, New York; it was not stated that he was related to the family of the soldier, Lawrence Tompkins.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.