

Pension Application for Alexander Turner

W.16765 (Widow: Phebe) They married December 3, 1777. Alexander died August 23, 1814.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this seventh day of July eighteen hundred and forty [forty] two before me, the subscribed, a Judge of Court of Common Pleas in and for the said City and County, aforesaid, personally appeared, Phebe Turner, a resident of the said City and County of New York, aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the [following] 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 Alexander Turner who was a corporal under General Montgomery in his Expedition to Canada in the year 1775 and 1776. That he was a resident of the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County in the State of New York where [where] he, in the month of April or May 1775 enlisted as Corporal for one year. Henry Devee enlisted for the same time as Corporal as did likewise, many others, enlist at the same time at Fishkill for the said Expedition [expedition], Andrew Lawrence went from Fishkill, he was a Lieutenant.

She further declares that at the expiration of his first period, which expired during the time he was in Canada, when he enlisted again, for six months, as Corporal.

That he returned home in the month of November 1776, that he remained at home until in the month of July or August 1777 when he was drafted for three month[s] service in the Militia which was stationed at White Plains, during [during] which period he was what was called QuarterMaster or the one who dealt [dealt] out the provision for the Regiment [Regiment.]

That she cannot remember the names of any of the officers that belonged to the Regiment.

She further declares that during the time above specified, she resided at Fishkill near neighbour to whom he resided when he was at home. That she cannot at this late period of time remember the names of any of the officers that he served under during his expedition to Quebeck except the ones named above, he and the others, that enlisted at Fishkill went to Albany to join the army. That he was finally discharged from the last period of his service, in the latter part of October or the first of November 1777. That it was about two or three weeks, after Fort Montgomery was taken, that on the third day of December following [following] she was legally [legally] married to the said Alexander Turner at Fishkill by the Revd Mr. Blantwelt, that she had eleven children by her late husband as above named viz, Nancy, Mary, Phebe, Daniel, Obadiah, Henry, Sarah, Catharine, John, William, Alexander. That five of the oldest was christened [christened] in the Methodist Church in the City of New York in first Street all at one time. That she knows of no person now living that has any knowledge of her late husband's service. She further declares that the said Alexander

Turner, who made the will of which the anext [annexed] is a true copy, was her late husband as above named.

She further declares that she was married to the said Alaxander Turner, on the third day of December in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, that her husband, the aforesaid Alaxander Turner died on the twenty third day of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen. 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) Phebe Turner

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before, D. P. Ingraham, Judge of New York Common Pleas