

Pension Application for Joseph Vail or Vale

W.212 (Widow: Juliana) Married April 17, 1787. Joseph died October 8, 1822. There is no deposition for Joseph in the file.

State of New Jersey

Sussex County

On this 4th day of February 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for the County and State aforesaid Juliana Vail a resident of Branchville in the County of Sussix [Sussex] and State of New Jersey aged eight 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 act of Congress passed July 7th and the subsequent acts thereto granting half pay and pensions to certain widows of Soldiers of the Revolution.

That she is the widow of Joseph Vail or Veal who belonged to Capt. Braemers company of Militia in Col. Allison's Regiment in Orange County and State [of] New York in the Revolution and as she has been informed and believes served as follows.

In the spring of 1781 being then enrolled in Capt Braemers company of Militia he volunteered from the said company into the New York State troops and served the full term of eight months being the term for which he volunteered under Captain Abraham Westfall and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Paulding.

That he went from Goshen sometime about the first of May of said year and served on the western frontier of Orange and Ulster Counties guarding against the Indians until about the first of January 1782 when he returned home to his mother's dwelling his father having been killed by the Indians at the Battle of Minisink July 22 1779. That he afterwards served on alarms in the Militia until the end of the war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Vail at her father's house in the village of Goshen in the County of Orange and State of New York on the 17th day of April 1787 by the Rev Nathan Kerr, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Goshen.

That her name before marriage was Juliana Smith. That her husband Joseph Vail died in the Village of Goshen Orange County New York on the eight[h] day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty two. That she has not since his death again married but still remains his widow. That she was not married to him previous to his last term of service but was married to him previous to the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety four at the time before stated.

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence of her husband's service in her possession. Sworn to and subscribed by making her mark the day and year last before mentioned before me. (Signed) Juliana Vail

Moses Dunning, Judge.