

Pension Application for Richard Varick

W.15697 (Widow: Maria) Married May 8, 1786. Richard died July 30, 1831.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, of the 7th July 1838, entitled "An [torn] half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York SS

On this twenty fifth day of April 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Judah Hammond one of the Judges of the Marine Court in & for the City & County of New York Maria Varick a resident of said City in the county aforesaid, aged 75 years, 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 pension to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Richard Varick who was a Deputy Commissary General in the Revolutionary Army for the Northern Department previous and until the capture of General Burgoyne, that after this period he was stationed at West Point and served as Instructor General until the discovery of Arnolds treachery, when being acquitted upon trial (by a Court instituted for the purpose of investigating the matter) of all participation in said treachery, he was transferred to General Washington's military family and served as his recording Secretary for the remainder of the War.

In the year 1806 he was elected President of the New York State Society for the Cincinnati, which office he held until the day of his death. That she was married to said Richard Varick by the Rev'd Dr. Livingston then pastor of the Middle Reformed Dutch Church of the City of New York. That her maiden name was Rosevelt and that she was married at the City of New York.

That her said husband at the time of his entering the service of the United States resided at Hackensack, New Jersey.

She further declares, that she as married to the said Richard Varick on the eighth day of May (1786) in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six; that her husband, the aforesaid Richard Varick died on the thirty first day of July 1831; 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) Maria Varick

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me. Judah Hammond, Justice of the Marine Court.

Letter in folder dated December 18, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Richard Varick, who died in 1831.

The record of Richard Varick is given herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.15697, based upon his service in that war.

Richard Varick while a resident of Hackensack, New Jersey, entered the service in 1775 as Captain of Colonel McDougall's New York regiment, was transferred and served as military secretary to General Schuyler, was promoted April 10, 1777, Deputy

Mastermaster General, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and served in that capacity until after the capture of Burgoyne; after that was Inspector General at West Point until after the discovery of Arnold's treason; in May, 1781, he was appointed military secretary, or aid-de-camp, to General Washington and continued to serve as such until the close of the war. Following the war, he continued to serve as recording secretary to General Washington, and in 1794, received a letter from Mount Vernon expressing esteem and entire appreciation on account of his faithful public service, during which such fidelity, full and indefatigable industry were manifested.

In 1806, Richard Varick was elected President of the Society of the Cincinnati of New York. He died July 30, or 31, 1831, in New York.

Richard Varick married May 8, 1786, in New York City, Maria Rosevelt; the ceremony as performed by Rev. Dr. Livingston, then pastor of the Middle Reformed Church (Protestant) Church. The names of the parents and dates of birth of neither Richard nor Maria are shown.

Maria Varick, the widow of Richard Varick, was allowed pension on her application executed April 25, 1839, at which time she as resident of New York City; she was then aged seventy-five years.

In 1843, one Richard Varick DeWitt was living in Albany, New York; no relationship to the family was stated.