

Pension Application for Charles Ward

W.11126 Charles Ward and Mary Pell married January 13, 1783. Charles "departed this life" April 18, 1809, age 52.

Letter in folder dated November 25, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of Charles Ward as found in the papers of pension claim, R.11126, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Charles Ward, son of Stephen and Ruth Ward, was born January 24, 1758, in East Chester, Westchester County, New York.

Charles Ward married January 13, 1783, in Fredericksburgh (later known as Frederickstown), Dutchess County, New York, Mary Pell who was born August 16, 1762, in Pelham, Westchester County, New York, and was the daughter of Philip Pell of that place; the name of her mother was not given. About 1799, Charles Ward moved to Herkimer County, New York, and died in Fairfield, that county, April 18, 1809.

Mary Ward, widow of Charles, applied February 18, 1839, while living in Newport, Herkimer County, New York, for pension which might have been due on account of the service of her husband in the Revolutionary War. She alleged that Charles Ward, while living with his father in Westchester County, New York, entered the service about 1777, that he served as ensign in the company of his brother-in-law, Captain Samuel T. Pell (who was unmarried), in Colonel Philip Van Cortland's New York Regiment, that he served, also, in a company of light dragoons, that during his service he was in the battle of Stillwater, was present at the surrender of Burgoyne, also at the surrender of Cornwallis and in several skirmishes (places not shown) and that he served to the close of the Revolutionary War. Dates of service and further details not stated.

Mary Ward's claim for pension was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service of her husband in accordance with the requirements of the pension law. She died prior to April 2, 1853, exact date of death not on record.

The following names of children of Charles Ward and his wife, Mary, are shown in the claim:

Margaret Glorana Ward, born October 7, 1783; married June 5, 1808, Samuel Keith.

Mary Ward, born March 22, 1785.

Stephen Ward, born April 8, 1787, died May 3, 1794.

Sarah Ward, born August 19, 1788.

Philip P. Ward, born November 2, 1789; in 1853, of Adams, Jefferson County, New York.

Ruth Ward, born June 27, 1791.

Nancy Ann Ward, born December 7, 1792.

Glorana Ward, born August 16, 1794.

Stephen Ward, born February 26, 1797; in 1853, of Rome, Oneida County, New York.

Patty Ward, born November 18, 1798.

Pell Ward, born August 23, 1800.

Julia Ann Ward, born January 28, 1802.

An infant child (name not designated) buried October 27, 1803.

The following family data are shown, also, in the claim, but the relationship to the soldier, Charles Ward, was not stated: "Ophelia Keith was born May 12, 1809."

Charles Ward and his children were baptized May 16, 1807.

In 1853, Philip P. Ward and Stephen Ward were the only surviving children of Charles Ward and his wife, Mary.

A sister of Charles Ward, the soldier, married early in the Revolution an older brother of soldier's wife, Mary; the names of the sister and brother of each were not given. Charles Ward had a brother, Jonathan Ward, born in September, 1768, in Westchester County, New York, who held the office in 1839 of Surrogate of Westchester County, New York. He had, also, a sister Martha who married one _____ Hallett, given name not designated. A Jonathan Hallett served as Captain in the Revolutionary War; his relationship to Martha's husband, not stated.