

Pension Application for David Welch

R.211 (Former Widow: Hester Andrews) Hester's maiden name was Burroughs. They married May 5, 1780, David died August 19, 1809. In June 1815, she married Daniel Andrews but after living with him a short time (three years) they separated and Daniel went to live with his children and she with her children. He died about 1840, but she doesn't give the date of his death.

State of New York

Wayne County SS

On this eighth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty three, personally appeared before the Subscriber Amos Snyder Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Wayne & State aforesaid, the same Court being a Court of record, Hester Andrews a resident of the town of Wolcott in the County of Wayne & State aforesaid, aged eighty three years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay & Pensions to certain widows".

That she is the Widow of David Welch who was a private in the army of the Revolution: that she has been informed & verily believes the same to be true, that her said Husband enlisted into Capt. Jeremiah Burroughs Company in Col. Warner's Regiment of the Vermont Troops.

That he entered the service in the latter part of the year one thousand seven hundred seventy six, or the forepart of the year one thousand seven hundred seventy Seven & that he continued in the service from the time he entered until the forepart of the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty. That he was at the Battle of Bennington. That her Husband at the time of his enlistment resided in Skeenesboro, now County of Washington & State of New York. That the said Jeremiah Burroughs the said Captain under whom her husband served was the brother of this deponent.

That she has no documentary evidence in support of her said claim, nor is she now apprized of any living witness of the services of her said husband other than William Johnson whose deposition is hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said David Welch on the fifth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred eighty. That they were married at the Town or Pawlet in the State of Vermont by Esq. Culver.

That she has no documentary evidence to prove the said marriage & she further says that she is informed & believes that at that period it was not required by Law nor customary to keep Records of marriages in that part of the Country.

She further declares that her said husband the said David Welch died on the nineteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred & nine at Marcellus in the County of Onondaga where deponent & her said husband did [died] there & had for a number of years resided.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & ninety four to wit at the time above stated.

Deponent further states that in June in the year eighteen hundred & fifteen she the said Hestor, [Hester] then being the widow of the said David Welch, was married to Daniel Andrews, but after living with him a short time they separated & he the said Daniel Andrews went to live with his children, & she went to live with her children which she had by the said Welch & that they continued to live separate until his death & which she is informed & believes too place while he was residing with his son Henry Andrews at Nunda in the County of Allegany & State of New York.

That she was not married since the death of the said Daniel Andrews her late husband, but remained a widow & further saith not. (Signed with her mark) Hester Andrews

Subscribed & Sworn to before me the day & year first above written and I further certify that the said Hester Andrews is unable from bodily infirmity to have attended the Court of Common Pleas in proper person to make the said declaration in open Court & I further certify that I am satisfied that the aforesaid declaration of the said Hester Andrews is true & entitled to full credit & I further certify that the said Hester Andrews states that she has not been able to write for many years, is the reason why she signs by her mark. Amos Snyder a Judge of Wayne County Courts.