

Pension Application for Jacobus Wells

W.22572 (Widow: Elizabeth) Jacobus died September 2, 1798.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this sixth day of October in the year one thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before me Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for said County of Ulster Elizabeth Wells a resident of the town of Saugerties County of Ulster and State of New York aged Eighty Seven 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 the 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow [of] Jacobus Wells who to the best of her knowledge and belief in the Summer of 1776 volunteered as a private Soldier in a company commanded by Captain Moses Cantine in Colonel Levi Pawlins Regiment that said company was stationed at Kingsbridge White Plains and the Hudson River untill late in the fall of said year of 1776, when he volunteered after an absence of five months or more.

That immediately after he was called out in the Militia Service and was stationed in the State of New Jersey for the term of about one month that said service was either the command of captain Mathew Dederick or Captain Jeremiah Snyder or Captain John L. Dewell.

The said Jacobus Wells in the Summer of 1777 again volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Philip Swart that the said Jacobus Wells served one half of the term of three months the other half was performed by one of his neighbors named Hezekiah Wynkoop who was his near neighbor.

That said company was stationed at and near a place called Stillwater and was under the command of General Gates.

That the said Jacobus Wells during the revolutionary war has at several different times and under different officers in Colonel Johannis Snyders Regiment at short periods for the defence of the frontier of the County for the term of at least three months during said war.

She further declares that her husband the said Jacobus Wells resided in said town of Saugerties during the revolutionary War that he served not less than the period above mentioned viz 1776 in Capt. Cantine's Company 5 months, in the winter of 1777 in the State of New Jersey about one month, in the summer of 1777 one and a half months in Captain Philip Swarts Company and three months in the Militia Service in Colonel Johannis Snyder's Regiment making in all about ten and a half months, of Service during the revolution which is all she can at present recollect.

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence nor any living witness to prove her statement except those hereunto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacobus Wells the thirtieth day of October in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven that her maiden name was VanSlyck and that her husband the aforesaid Jacobus Wells died on the second day of September in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service, but the marriage took place previous to first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Wells

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me and I certify that in consequence of age and infirmity the said Elizabeth Wells is unable to attend court. Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts of Ulster County.