

Pension Application for Jacob Wilber

W.24739 (Elizabeth Reed, Former Widow) Married December 1792. Jacob died October 15 of 1806. December 25, 1824 she married Thomas Reed who died May 1837.

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

One this 9th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine appeared before me the undersigned Abner Smith a Justice of the Court of Sessions for the said County of Schenectady and State of New York, Elizabeth Reed, kaged6th seventy six years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress of the 7th of July 1838, of the 29th of July 1848, and the several acts of Congress granting pensions to widows of soldier who served in the Revolutionary Army of the United States.”

That she is the widow of Jacob Wilber: That he enlisted as a private in the Continental Army of the United States in the county of Dutchess on the 2nd day of April 1777, for the war and was mustered to January 1782 in the 5th Regiment New York line in Captain John Johnson’s company, in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois, as she is informed and believes by the Records kept in the office of the Secretary of State of this state.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Wilber in the month of December in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, and as nigh as this Declarant can recollect on or about the 25th day of said month by Esquire Manning a Justice of the peace of Duanesburgh who shortly after removed to Canada and has never been heard from since & all the witnesses present are dead, and no record of the marriage was kept.

That her husband the said Jacob Wilber died in the month of October in the year 1806 and on or about the Fifteenth day of Said month of October.

That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 and previous to the second day of January 1800 viz at the time above stated.

That this deponent afrt the death of her said husband Jacob Wilber, remained his widow and unmarried until the 25th of December in the year 1824 when she married Thomas Reed, and that the said Thomas Reed died in the month of May in the year 1837, and on or about the 12th day of said month, leaving this deponent him surviving; and that this deponent has remained a widow and unmarried ever since the said last mentioned period, and is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for admision [admission]. This deponent has no knowledge or information that her said husband Jacob Wilber was ever on the pension roll, but was informed by him that he had got Bounty Land, but cannot say whether from the State of New York or United States. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Reed

Sworn and subscribed to the 9th day of June 1849 before me. And I certify that the declarant is a credible witness, I also certify that the said Declarant by reason of old age in infirmity is unable to write her name, and that at her request I wrote her

name to the above declaration, and she affixed her cross thereto. Abner Smith, a Justice of the Court of Sessions holden for the County of Schenectady and State of New York.