

Pension Application for John Henry Wilkert or Wilkins

R.11544 (Widow: Rebecca) Married Dec 13, 1785. John Henry died Oct 9, 1802.

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this fifteenth day of March in the year 1839, personally appeared before me Abraham B. Stephens one of the Judges of the County aforesaid Rebekah Wilkert, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in said County aged Seventy 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, 1832, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of John Henry Wilkert (commonly called Wilkins) who was a Matross and enlisted in the ear seventeen hundred and eighty for three years, as a Matross and served under Capt. Fleming in a regiment of Artillery [Artillery] commanded by Coln Lamb, in the Continental line, and after serving out the term of enlistment, was discharged in the fall of the year 1783, and received his discharge in writing.

That the death of her late husband having taken place more than thirty six years since, and her memory as it respects the recital that her late husband made to her of the services by him rendered under the said enlistment the time and place when it commenced and ended. The country through which he marched and the battles in which he was engaged so very imperfect, that she is not unable more fully to set them forth, and does not know of a single person living whereby—to prove the same and must refer the Commissioner on pensions to the rolls of the said regiment, for the proof of his services, and if she has served as to the name of the Capt under whom he served, that the same may be also rectified. She further declares that she was married to the said John Henry Wilket or Wilkins on the thirteenth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty five by the Rev'd Nicholas Lansing, and that her husband dthe aforesaid John Henry Wilkert or Wilkins died on the ninth day of October, eighteen hundred and two 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 his mark) Rebekah Wilkert

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before me Abm B. Stephens, Judge.