

Pension Application for Gilbert Williams

W.22668 (Widow: Tabitha) Married in 1784. He died July 14, 1835.

This is one of those pension applications where the veteran himself never applied and his widow had a bad time trying to prove marriage. In addition, the deposition given by the widow is so faded that it is not legible in places. Not many details of the service of Gilbert Williams are available with this file. Gilbert served under Capt Jonathan Lawrence in Col Albert Pawling's Regt and under Capt. Jonathan Lawrence and Col. John Harper's Regt.

State of New York

Ulster County

John Hughes of the town of Hurley State of New York and County of Ulster being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is Seventy one years of age and was well acquainted with Gilbert Williams formerly of Peekskill Dutches [Dutchess] County—who died six or seven years since the town of Plattkill, Ulster County and that he left a widow named Tabetha who is a Sister of this deponent. And this deponent further saith that the said Gilbert Williams and Tabitha Hughes were legally married about fifty seven years since in the town of Peekskill Dutches County by Moses Duzenburgh Esquire then a Justice of the Peace—and that they afterwards resided into Ulster County and lived together as man and wife (and had several children) untill the day of his death.

And this deponent further saith that in several conversations with said William he informed this deponent that he had been a soldier & been a prisoner under the British and suffered severely & deponent has seen several years which deponent believes the said Williams received while engaged as a soldier against the enemy—and this deponent further saith that his Sister the said Tabitha Williams remained and is still the widow of the said Gilbert Williams deceased and as deponent was informed is not an applicant for a pension for the Services of her deceased husband in the Revolution and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) John Hughes

Sworn and Subscribed this 19th day of August 1841 before me and I do further certify that I am personally acquainted with said deponent that he is a credible witness. Levi H. Terwilliger, Justice of the Peace.