

**Pension Application for Marcus Williamson**

W.26084 (Widow: Mary) Married 1791, Marcus died Dec 29, 1842.

Declaration to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows.

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845, personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Court in & for said County Mary Williamson of the town of Owego in said County of Tioga & State aforesaid aged seventy seven (77) 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 “granting half pay and pensions to certain widows”, & also a [?]

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress & the 3d of March 1843 granting pension for one year to certain widows who have received pensions under the act of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 & [?] to obtain the benefit of all the intermediate acts of Congress or Resolution of Congress explanatory of any such act between the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838 and the 3d of March 1843.

That she is the widow of Marcus Williamson who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, that he resided in the town of Bedford called Bedford new purchase, Westchester County & State of New York. That he enlisted in the town of Bedford aforesaid & served much in the Revolution. That he was in the service through nearly all the war.

She recollects that her husband said his Captain’s Name was Moseman & one of the Ensign’s name was Tyler and that Richard Searle was one of his companions in arms

She further declares that she was married to the said Marcus Williamson in the month of July, she thinks in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one (1791) but she cannot tell positively whether it was in that year or the year before (1790) or the year since (1792) but she is positive that it was in one of those years—She knows that it was previous to the year seventeen hundred and ninety four (1794) by the age of her children but what precise year she is unable to tell & is unable to prove precisely as there was no record kept of it in any manner nor was it the custom in that place to keep such records in any public manner & there were but two persons present at the wedding & they are long since dead, but she thinks it was the year above stated.

She further states that he husband the late Marcus Williamson applied for & obtained a pension from about the year 1836 to the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1842 & that she as his widow crew the balance of it up to the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1842 the day of her husbands death. (Signed with her mark) Mary Williamson

Sworn & subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845. Alanson Munsen  
First Judge of Tioga County.

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On the first day of January AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County & State now sitting, Marcus Williamson, a resident of the Town of Owego County of Tioga & State of New York, aged Seventy one years & upwards, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> AD 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated.

That he was first enrolled in the militia at the Town of Bedford in Westchester County State of New York where he resided at the several periods of entering service as below stated in the company of Captain Marcus Moseman, Lieut Gabriel Higgins and Ensign Ely Tyler, attached to the Regiment under the command of Col Thomas—from which company he was drafted as below stated.

That sometime in the fall of the year 1776, he enlisted for a term of three months under Capt Gray (Samuel) Lieutenant Titus and Ensign Tyler. The company acted by itself chiefly as a foraging party—They were sent at one time, and seized a quantity of Grain belonging to the disaffected & tories at East Chester which they threshed and cleaned for the use of the army. That he served three months in this company & was then discharged.

The next spring (1777) he was drafted at Bedford for one months service & entered a company commanded by Capt Richard Sacket and Lieut Abijah Harris & attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas. They marched through Newcastle to a place called Havins' Purchase where they were stationed on the lines, and where he continued to serve till his month was up, when he was discharged afterward in the same year he enlisted in the same company last mentioned for a period of three months. The company marched to Tarrytown where Major Fish had the command, and where they were kept on guard during the three months, after which he was discharged and returned home.

That during the remainder of the war he served in his own company, commanded by Captain Moseman, as aforesaid, as a Patrol and Minute man, at Bedford. That on one occasion his company joined a company of regular soldiers under Captain Prichard and marched to the Town of North Castle & had a skirmish a party of British & Tory Horse.

That afterwards his company with some others volunteered under command of Colonel Hazen, an officer also in the regular army, and marched to Morrisania where they had a small engagement with a party of Tories. That they had frequent skirmishes with small parties of the enemy but were never engaged in a regular battle of any moment, during the war. That he served in Captain Moseman's Company after the manner above stated, at Bedford and the neighbouring towns in the County at least three years, up to the time of the close of the war.

That during the war he was acquainted with a Regiment of Militia at North Castle under command of Colonel Hobley. Colonel Dudd commanded a regiment of

Militia at Marinac. There was also a regiment of Cavalry under Colonel Sheldon, raised in New England, often at Bedford Edward Monas was adjutant of Col. Monas Regiment to which Capt Moseman's Company belonged.

That he never took a written discharge at any period of service. That Richard Sarles now a resident of Owego in the County of Tioga served with him in Captain Mosemans Company in the Militia and can attest to that part of his service, and his affidavit is hereto annexed. He has no other person now living who can attest to his services Captain Sacket above named, who resided near this deponent having died about two or three years wince. That he has no record of his age, but is informed by family tradition that he was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1761 at the Town of Bedford in WestChester County & State of New York. That since the war he resided 2 years at Stanford in the County of Delaware, State of New York.

That since the war he resided 2 years at Stanford in the county of Delaware, State of New York he then resided 2 years at Stanford in the County of Delaware, State of New York. He then removed to Scipio in Cayuga County, State of New York and from thence to Owago in the County of Tioga where he now resides.

That he is known to Richard Sarles, Ephraim Mood, Mason Webster and David Fleming in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution & he saith there is no clergyman in the place where he resides with whom he is acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roil of any agency of any state. (Signed) Marcus Williamson

Sworn & Subscribed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan'y 1833. Green M. Tuthill clk