

Pension Application for William Willocks

S.44070

Letter folder dated June 1, 1912, written in reply to an inquiry.

In response to the personal request for the history of William Willocks Surv. File 44070 Rev. War, you are advised that he was allowed pension on his application executed April 19, [???smudged] at which time he was a resident of New York City.

He stated that he was captain of a company of Fusiliers in Colonel Lasher's regiment of New York troops in the early part of the war (date not given), and that upon recommendation of General Hamilton appointed in April, 1777, aid-de-camp to General Lord Sterling, on the Continental Establishment; that he was in the battles of Long Island, Brandywine, and Monmouth, and continued in the service until January, 1779.

In 1820 a soldier stated that he was sixty-nine years of age, was unable to practice his profession of attorney and counsellor at law, and had no family dependent upon him.

He married August 13, 1778, Elizabeth Ashfield, daughter of the late Hon. Lewis Morris Ashfield, at the house of Mary Ashfield in Cranberry Neck, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Their only children referred to are: William whose age is not Stated, and Maria who was born January 31, 1781 at Freehold, New Jersey, and married about 1787, at the house of her aunt Mrs. George D. Brinkerhoff nee Euphemia Ashfield, at Parsippany, Hanover Township, Morris County, N.J., to John F. Ellis.

Elizabeth Willcocks died about 1796, and William Willcocks (the soldier) died December 20, 1826, in New York City.

In 1854, Maria Ellis resided at Kensington, Philadelphia, and soldier's grandchild Maria Theresa Kimberly, resided in Chicago.