

Pension Application for Garret Winegar

W.26075 (Widow: Lois or Louis)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Berkshire County SS

On this 9th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before me Wm. P. Walker Judge of Probate of wills and for granting administrations on estate of person, dec'd at a Court holden at Great Barrington in s'd County, Louis Winegar a resident in Egremont in s'd County and common wealth afores'd of eighty six years of age on the 17th day of this instance who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4,th 1836.

That she is the widow of Garret Winegar late of Amenia in the County of Dutchess and State of New York deceased. That from her best knowledge and recollection she verily believes her husband was a soldier in the army of the revolution.

That one Captain Colley Chamberlain then also resident in said Amenia raised a company which were called volunteers to go into the service of the County. That her s'd husband attached himself to s'd Company in the spring of the year A.D. 1776 and was the orderly Sergeant of the same.

This company when raised marched from s'd town of Amenia in the month of May in the year afores'd for Fort Montgomery in the State of New York, and the period of service was for the term of eight months. She further says that her s'd husband continued absent as she supposes & verily believes for the whole period of eight months when he returned home.

The deponent further says, that she does not know of any other service in which her husband was attached to the army of the revolution, but she will remembers that in the spring of the following year her husband did engaged in some services for the army, and was so engaged through most of the year following. The deponent cannot now state who were the field officers of any Regiment or Brigade to which her s'd husband was attached, but she thinks she has heard her husband name Lieut Talmadge as the Lieut of the Company of which the s'd Colby Chamberlain was the Captain.

She further says that at the time the British Troops burnt Danbury, the company to which her husband was attached as before stated, was marched from Fort on alarm called out a large number of the people of [?] and among others, she well recollects her husband went and was absent some time, but how long she cannot say. The deponent does not recollect that she has ever had in her possession any papers or documents showing her husband[']s services as before stated, and if she has ever had they are now missing or destroyed.

The deponent further says that she was married on the 24th day of October A.D. 1771 by the Rev'd Cotton Mather Smith then the minister of the First Congregational Society in Sharon in the County of Litchfield and Sate of Connecticut to the afores'd

Garret Winegar, and that her husband died on the fourteenth day of September A.D. [1781?] and she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proff [proof] annexed.

The deponent further says that she well remembers that her husband was very much employed from the period of the commencement of the war to his death in furnishing forwarding and transporting provisions for the army and particularly she recollects, he did furnish said horses for Col. Sheldons Regiment of Cavalry and sent them on for his use. And she further says that at the death of her s'd husband she has five children living, and she has at this time but two living, and further says not.
(Signed) Lois Winegar

Subscribed & sworn to before William P. Walker Judge of Probate.