

Pension Application for Aaron Yerks or York

R.10631 (Former Widow: Peggy or Beckly Solon) Married June 27, 1776, he died [January?] 15, 1789. Peggy married Edward Solon and he died December 23, 1820.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 13th day of May 1841 personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Orange in said State Peggy Solon, a resident of said county and state aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Aaron Yerks deceased a late resident of Orange County and State aforesaid, who was a soldier and served as such in the war of the Revolution, and that he entered the service and served as following and verily believes it to be true.

That in the year 1780 her husband entered the service in Capt Burnnits company and Cornell [Colonel] Paulding Regiment and served about eight months that season on the western frontier in Ulster County as a private soldier and that in the year 1781 he entered the service and served two or three tours of service under Capt Jason Wilkins. She thinks Cornell Duboise or Pauldings Regiment.

And that in the year 1782 he entered the service and served three or four months in Lieut Samuel Claspy's Company Cornell Duboise Regiment and that her husband was out at various other times under many other different officers on allarms [alarms] but that on account of her old age and loss of her memory she cannot recollect all the officers names whom she heard her husband say he has been out under.

And that her husband was out from home into the service at least two years and a half or more, and the reason why she had delayed her application so long is that she could find no living witnesses to prove her said husbands services by and that she must rely on whatever record evidence may be found in the war Department to support her declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said Aaron Yerks by the Rev'd Mr. Karn who was then a pastor of the German Reformed Church in the town of Montgomery in said County and state aforesaid on the twenty seventh day of June seventeen hundred and seventy six.

That her husband the aforesaid Aaron Yerks died on the fifteenth day of January or February [blot] 1789. That three years & one month after his death she was married by the pastor of Hopewell Church in the town of Montgomery now the town of Chawford in said county but does not now recollect his name to Edward Solon who died the 23d of December 1820 & that she has remained a widow ever since & that previous to her first marriage her name was Peggy Seger all of which will more fully appear by the proofs hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Peggy Solon.

Sworn & subscribed by making her mark she being incapable of writing her name & I further certify that from age & infirmity she is in my opinion unable to attend the next session of the court 13th May 1841. H. W. Elliott Judge of Orange Com Pleas.