

Bounty Land Application for Joel Blackman

B.L.Wt.35842-160-55 (Widow: Catharine)

Also served in War of 1812

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this 25th day of May A.D. One thousand eight hundred & fifty five personally appeared before me, Wheeler H. Clarke a commissioner of Deeds in & for the county, state aforesaid Catharine Blackman aged 61 years a resident of Hillsdale County of Columbia and State of New York, who being first duly sworn according to law declares that she is the identical Catharine Blackman who is the widow of Joel Blackman late of Hillsdale aforesaid deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Williams in the regiment of Colonel Graham in the War of the Revolution.

That he said husband was in service in said Revolutionary War in the year 1780 & continued in actual service in said war fourteen days & upwards.

That she was married to the said Joel Blackman on the 18th day of May one thousand eight hundred & twenty two at Hillsdale aforesaid by Elder Brown, who was a Baptist preacher but had no particular society over which he was settled.

That declarant's husband said Joel Blackman died at Hillsdale aforesaid the 14th February 1853.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under act of March 1855, approved on that day and that she has not heretofore applied for nor obtained Bounty Land under any act of Congress.

Declarant further says she has frequently heard her husband speak of his services in the War of the Revolution and her declaration is made in accordance with his statement as she recollects it.

Deponant further says she has no record of her marriage but she has a record of the births of her children. Deponant was said Blackman's second wife & they had 3 children.

(Signed with her mark) Catharine Blackman

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I, Harry Skutt a resident of Columbia Co., and whose Post office address is Chatham Centre N.Y. do depose and say that during the War of 1812 I lived in Columbia Co and was in service as a private in said war over four days under Captain Mam's of the New York Militia; that I have applied for but not received a Land Warrant for such service; that I remember many of the members of said Company, and of oother Companies, which served at the same time; that among others in service at the same time and place was Joel Blackman who was a private under Captain Williams of the New York Militia, and served over four day, and was honorably discharged with the rest of the Company to Kinderhook N.Y. enroute for Plattsburgh when orders met them to return as the Battle had been fought & he was discharged with the rest of his company.

He is dead. His widow lives in Hillsdale.

I have no interest in the claim of said Joel Blackman for a Land Warrant. (Signed with his mark) Harry Skutt. S. C. Beale, and Fred Bennett, witnesses.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29 day of April 1770 and I certify that said affidavit was read over to witness before he signed the same, and I believe fully understood. He is a credible person. He is reported to have been in War of 1812. He name was written hereto by S. C. Beale. He does not write his own name because he cannot write. I have no interest herein. J.P. or N.P. S.C. Beale Notary Public