

Pension for David Crouch

W.18354 (Widow: Eleanor Kelly Crouch Wiley, former widow) Col. Drake's Regiment.

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State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this 11th day of September 1844 personally appeared before the Hon. George C. Sherman one of the Judges of Jefferson County Courts Eleanor Wiley widow of Matthew Wiley aged seventy five years and upwards a resident of Canada East in Canada West, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the several act of Congress of July 7, 1838, August 23, 1843, March 3, 1843 and June 17, 1844.

That she was the widow of David Crouch, who was a private in the army of the revolution and in the State of New York and served as I believe the greater portion of the war in the Continental line of the army and in Connecticut & New York line of the army.

She further declares that her maiden name was Eleanor McKee and that she was married in the town of Pittstown, Rensellaer [Rensselaer] County, State of New York to the said David Crouch by Elder Hicks of the Baptist Church on the fifteenth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty five (Jany 15, 1785) and that her husband the aforesaid David Crouch died in the town of Western State of New York on the 15th day of July 1818 and that she continued the widow of the said David Crouch until the 12th day of March 1830 at which time she was married to Matthew Wiley and further that the said Matthew Wiley died on the 10th day 7 March eighteen hundred and forty two (1842) and that she has not intermarried but is now the widow of the said Matthew Wiley.

She declares that she was not married to her first husband the said David Crouch prior to his leaving the service. She further declares that her husband the said David Crouch singed his name to a power of attorney dated March 5, 1793 to obtain the pay due him from Connecticut which paper I have in my possession and send it herewith as evidence of some portion of his service.

She further says that in 1818 she then with her husband the said David Crouch resided in Western New York, he the said David employed one Esqr. Rudd either to get him a pension, or land, or both, and gave the said Rudd his discharge for that purpose & that after the death of her husband the said Nathaniel the said Rudd told her this declarant that he had sent the discharge to the seat of government. She then supposes that an examination may be had of the files of the pension office for the declaration of the services of the said David supposed to have been made with a view to obtain a pension under the laws of 1818—She cannot tell the amount of service performed by her husband, but knows that he claimed there was a larger quantity of land due him and that he served pretty much through the war. She therefore relies upon such proof as she may be able to obtain to substantiate said service and further says not. (Signed with her mark) Eleanor Wiley

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written. G.C.
Sherman. Judge of Jefferson County Counsellor.