

Pension Application for Joshua Davis

R.2701 (Child: Azubah) Joshua born May 19, 1734. Azubah born Nove 11, old style 1749.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 26th day of December AD 1853 personally came before me John G. Wilkins a Judge of the County court of the County of Orange it being a court of record in said County and state Azubah Davis a resident of said county aged Seventy five years, who being first duly sworn before me in open court, and on her oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision of the act of congress passed on the 4th day of July AD 1836 entitled an act granting pensions to certain widows whose husbands served in and during the war of the Revolution & that she is one of the children of Joshua David (deceased) a late resident of Minisink in the County of orange aforesaid that her father the said Joshua Davis served as follows under Captain Fowler in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanScop [VanSchaick] that [s]he had frequently heard her Father in conversation with James Reeves, Major Wood & Nathaniel Bailey who she has understood since the death of her said father had received pensions and that the above named persons were all residents of the County of Orange aforesaid and are all now dead, and she further sais [says] that her father Joshua Davis died at his residence in the town of Minisink in said County on the 14th day of September AD 1806 and left him surviving Azubah Davis his widow declarants mother and that she has frequently heard her said mother relate the hardships he under went during the time her said husband declarants father was in the service of his country as a soldier during said war and from what she has heard her said father, mother and other persons say she believes the fact above stated in relation to the services of her said father to be true and that she has understood from her parents that they were married on or about the 1st day of July 1768 by the Reverend Andrew King then a pastor of the Goodwill Church in the town of Montgomery in the County of Orange in the said State of New York and that she has always understood that her mother's name was Azubah Tuston before her marriage to Joshua Davis her father.

She further sais that her residents in orange County & State aforesaid on the first day of march AD 1840 and that she never intermarried but remained the widow of the said Joshua Davis up to the time of her death and that she left her the surviving the following named children to wit, Julia Ann Forguson, Christianna Vantassel, Theresa Dvis and James Davis who has returned from this part of the county and Sarah Davis who died without issue, and Azubah David this declarant all residents of the County of Orange except the said James Davis, and that they the only surviving children of the said Azuba Davis at the time of her death and that they were all of Lawful age Declarant further sais that she has caused a diligent search to be made for a record of her said Father and Mother and that she has not been able to find any such marriage [?] and that she does believe that there is no such record to be found.

She further says that she has always from her earliest recollection known the family Bible and that the annexed leaves were taken from said Bible and that she believes that they contain a true record of Births & Death's of the Family of the said Joshua Davis her father and that said record is what is purports to be.

Declarant further states that she has no record of the services of her said father Joshua Davis during the war of the revolution and that she now asks the commissioner of pensions to examine the record in his office for the entering of the services of her said father Joshua Davis which she supposes can thus be found as she has been advised.

The rest is cut off and the following depositions repeat this over and over.