

Pension Application for John Dumbolton or Dumbleton

R.3115 (Widow: Ruth) John died June 26, 1812.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

Town of Attica in the county of Genesee and State of New York being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that she is the daughter of the Widow Ruth Dumbolton and John Dumbolton deceased that the said John Dumbolton died on the 26th day of June 1812 at Hamburg in the County of Erie in the State of New York that this deponent was present at the funeral of the said John Dumbolton and saw him buried that this deponent has been well acquainted with the said Ruth Dumbolton ever since the Death of the Said John Dumbolton that she has never since been married and now is the widow of the said John Dumbolton this deponent says that she was 16 years old when the said John Dumbolton his father died and remembers that she has often heard him tell of being in the war and how he was taken a prisoner by the Torys and have heard him tell that he was at the takin[g] of Burgoid other places. (Signed) Vashti Melvin

Sworn and subscribe d before me the 12 day of January 1839. Thos. James Justice of the Peace.

Letter in folder dated June 25, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.3115 it appears that John Dumbleton or Dumbolton married December 24, 1772 in Stillwater, Albany County, New York, Ruth Lawrence, both then of said Stillwater. He died June 26, 1812 in Hamburg, Erie County, New York.

His widow Ruth applied for pension January 7, 1839 while living in Alexander, Genesee County, New York aged eighty-four years and alleged that he enlisted in January or February 1777 and served two weeks as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Elisha Benedict's New York Company; that he enlisted April 1, 1777 in the bateau service under Captain Peters, served a short time and then enlisted as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Benedict's or Collin's Company, Colonel McCrea's New York Regiment, was at both battles of Stillwater engaged in conveying orders, looking after baggage and caring for the wounded, and was discharged after serving seven months; that during 1778 and a part of 1779 he was out several times on short tours in the militia, no details given; that he enlisted in July or August 1778 and served nine

months in captain Elisha Benedict's New York Company and after his return home, while at work in his field, was captured by the Tories and held in the mountains for a few days when he made his escape.

Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of the alleged service as required by the pension laws.

The only names of children given are: Vashti Melvin born about 1798, Susannah Abley, Both residents of Attica, Genesee County, New York in 1839, and Polly Powers. The names of their husbands are not stated.