

Pension Application for Lewis Graves

W.17030 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Lewis County SS

On this 8th day of June in the year 1837 personally appeared before the Hon. Ashley Davenport a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lewis and State of New York Elizabeth Graves a resident of the Town of Denmark in the County of Lewis and State of New York aged seventy four 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Lewis Graves who was a Sergeant and Corporal in the New York Militia in the Revolutionary War. That in the year 1775 He enlisted as she understood at that time for one year and served that period as she verily believes in a company command[ed] by Capt. Hezekiah Baldwin and that he marched to Canada as she also understood. That he left home as she believes about the month of June 1775 and returned about the month of June 1775 and returned about the same month 1776.

That he again entered the service in the militia aforesaid in the year 1776 as she has understood and verily believes is a company commanded by Captain Lathrop Allen and in Colonel William Whiting Regiment and that as she has understood and believes he entered the service Shortly after the expiration of his previous enlistment and served a period of one year.

That her said husband also served a tour in the year 1777 under Captain Bostwick in the Militia aforesaid as she believes.

And this declarant says that her said husband entered the service again in the year 1778 & served a period of nine months commencing as she believes in the Spring of the year 1778 and residing about nine months from that time and under Captain as she has understood and verily believes to be true and that he was at the Battle of Monmoth. [Monmouth]

And she further declares that he was again in the service of the United States in the Militia aforesaid in the year 1781 a period of three months under Captain Elijah Bostwick that he left home about the middle of October and returned about the middle of January following and that he marched to Green Bush New York as she then understood.

She further declares that her said Husband was out a number of tours of short periods each in addition to those above specified after her marriage to her said husband.

That her said husband resided at the time of entering into the service as aforesaid in the Town of Canaan Columbia County New York.

She further declares that she was married to the said Lewis Graves on the 21st day of December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and that her husband the aforesaid Lewis Graves died on the 10th day of May in the year 1816 and that she has

remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That her said husband served as a volunteer and different period above mentioned as she believes.

That she has no documentary or other evidence of the service of her said husband or of her marriage except that hereto annexed except a Record in her possession in the hand writing of her said Husband which contains a Record of her marriage and which is now exhibited to the Judge. (Signed) Elizabeth Graves

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me. Ashley Davenport, a Judge of Lewis Com. Pleas.