

Pension Application for Isaac Hamestreet

W.17058 (Widow: Mary) Married about the first of October 1780, he died September 16, 1825.

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State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this first day of September 1838, personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices' Court of the City of Albany in s'd County, Mary Hamestreet a resident of the City of Schenectada in the county of Schenectada and State of New York, aged seventy six 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Isaac Hamestreet who as a private in the army of the revolution as set forth particularly in the affidavits hereto subjoined.

She further declares that she was married to the said Isaac Hamestreet on or about the first day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty; that her husband, the aforesaid Isaac Hamestreet, died on the sixteenth day of September 1825, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed, and that she has never learned to write. (Signed with her mark) Mary Hamestreet

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before said court in open court. J G. Wasson CLK

And the aforesaid Mary Hamestreet, being further duly sworn in open court deposeth and saith, that at the commencement of and during the war of the revolution, she resided with her parents in the town of Guilderland in the County of Albany, that she was married as above set set [sic] forth in the (City of Schenectada, then) Town of Schenectada, at the residence of the Revd Barent Vrooman then Clergyman or Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada & that the following persons according to the best of her recollection, were present during the performance of the marriage ceremony viz.—her sisters and brothers John Quackenboss & wife Alida, Mr. Van Anken & Lawrence Tarpenny—and that these individuals have long since died except said Alida.

That her maiden name was Tarpenny she being the daughter of Tunis Tarpenny.

That neither herself nor her husband ever received a sufficient education to enable them to write & that they consequently never kept any records of their marriages—and this declarant further saith, that this declarant remembers that her husband the said Isaac Hamestreet after their intermarriage engaged in a military tour during which one Butler was killed and she has repeatedly heard him relate the particulars of his service previous thereto at Saratoga, Schoharie, Stone Arabia, Fort Hunter & other places, but cannot specify these particulars owing to the defectiveness of her memory, her not charging [sic] her mind at the time thereof therewith. (Signed with her mark) Mary Hamestreet

Subscribed & Sworn in open court this 1st September 1838. J. G. Wasson Clk