

Pension Application for Adam Harter

W.16283 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the 4th day of October 1838 before Charles Graf a Judge of the County Court of the said County and State aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Harter of the Town of Herkimer in the said County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Art of congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That on account of old age and bodily infirmity and the loss of memory she cannot state her age that she was born before the Revolutionary War at Herkimer and that she was about fourteen years old when the war commenced. That Adam Harter was her husband. That the said Adam Harter was an enlisted soldier during the Revolutionary War and served six years and a half in the War—

That she does not remember the year that she and the said Adam Harter were married but knows it was about two years after he came home for the army when they were married.

That the Revd Mr. Rosecrantz performed the marriage ceremony.

That they were married at Herkimer where the edge of Herkimer is now built— That her husband the said Adam Harter died the first winter month and it will be a year the next first winter month that the said Adam died that he was a pensioner and drew pension when he died that she after his death drew some of his death drew some of his pension—

That she has not been married since the death of the said Adam Harter. That she is now a widow. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Harter

Subscribed and sworn to this 4th day of October 1838 before me.

Letter in folder dated February 17, 1920, written in response to an inquiry.

In the Revolutionary war pension claim W. file No. 18,283 it appears that Adam Harter, son of Frederick Harter, was commonly called John Adam Harter though he signed his name Adam Harter and was so pensioned under the act of May 15, 1828 for his service as Private in the New York troops, Revolutionary War. No details of service are on file as the claims under that Act were adjudicated in the Treasury Department.

He married July 5, 1785 at Herkimer N.Y. Elizabeth Helmer who was born at Herkimer about 1761. He died December 7, 1837 and she applied for pension October 4, 1838, while residing at Herkimer N.Y. She died December 25, 1838 and the pension was allowed the following named surviving children: Henry A. Elizabeth Hanchet, Abigail Piper, Catharine Folts, Nancy Petril, and Eve Countryman.