

Pension Application for William Jackson

W.4707 (Widow: Sophia)

B.L.Wt.174-60-55 and Warrant number 7326, 100 acres, issued Sept. 25, 1790 to D. Hudson & Co. assignee.

State of Pennsylvania

Susquehanna County SS.

On this twentieth day of April AD one thousand eight hundred & fifty-five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, wittin [within] and for the County & State aforesaid Sophia Jackson, aged about ninety years a resident of Auburn township, Susquehanna County and State of Pennsylvania, who being duly sworn according to law declares she is the widow of William Jackson, who was a private in the Revolutionary War—

That from age and infirmity – she is unable to specify the terms and places of his service in said War, but that he received a pension from the United States for said service, of ninety six dollars per annum & she begs to refer to the records & documents connected with his application therefore, remaining in the Pension Office, for the proof of said service—

That since her said husband's death she has received & is still receiving a pension for & on account of his said service of eighty dollars per annum, from the United States.

She further states that at the time of granting said pension & her said husband he resided in Luzerne (now Wyoming) County, Nicholson township, & State of Pennsylvania, & that she has continued to reside in the same place since his death until about one year since, when she removed to the township of Auburn aforesaid, where she now resides.

She further states that from age & infirmity she has forgotten & can not now recollect the name of the Justice of the Peace who married her & said William Jackson & must beg to refer for the proof thereof to the records of her from application for pension &c.

That her name before her said marriage was Sophia Squirrell, that her said husband died at the township of Nicholson aforesaid in the month of March AD 1833, as near as she can recollect, and that she is now a widow, and for proof of her said marriage, and also of the death of her husband, she begs to refer to the records and documents remaining on file in the pension office, connected with her aforesaid application for pension.

That her said pension was granted her under the act of 2d of February AD 1848.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the Act approved March 30, 1833. (Signed with her mark) Sophia Jackson

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day & year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible

persons; that the claimant is is [sic] the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim. John Tewsbury.

District of Pennsylvania SS.

On the 10th day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court of Common Pleas holden in Wilkes Barre for the County of Luzerne being a court of record proceeding according to the course of Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings William Jackson aged sixty one years resident in Luzerne County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the eighteenth day of march eighteen hundred and eighteen and first day of May eighteen hundred and twenty.

That he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Capt. Wm Paulding in the regiment commanded by Col. Courtland in the line of the State of New York and has obtained a pension under the act of the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen his certificate being numbers.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of march eighteen hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof whit intent thereby so to diminish it as to being myself with the provision of an Act of Congress entitled "and act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen and that I have not nor has any persons in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to her nor have I any income other than what is continued in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) William Jackson

Schedule of property

One Cow & one yearling heifer \$18.00
Four tea cups and services .20
One Tea pot & six Bowls .50
Two platters two plates, one jug .60
Six knives and four fords eight spoons .50
One churn one pot one small kettle 1.50
One bake kettle and one spider 2.00
Three old chairs and one old table 1.00
One small wheel one [???] 1.00
A few old shoe maker tools 2.00

About six acres of impounded land of a [?] soil held by possession with a small lay house upon it. \$50.00

\$74.30

I am by trade a shoemaker but by reason of age and infirmities am not able to pursue that occupation I have no family residing with me except my wife Sophie aged

fifty five years infirm like myself and our daughter named Pegg aged fourteen years
and one son named Nicholas and aged twelve years. (Signed) William Jackson
Sworn and Subscribed in open court 10 Augt 1820. A. Beaumont Prothy