

Pension Application for Ephraim Ketchum

W.26176 (Widow) Jemima. Married December 22, 1785 in the town of Spencertown, Columbia County NY by Reverend Jesse Clark. Ephraim died 1803.

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State of New York

Cortland County SS.

On the 11th day of September 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber Henry Stephens Esqr First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County the same being a Court of Record Jemima Ketchum resident of the town of the Virgil in said County aged seventy nine years.

Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838 and March 3d 1843 & 14th June 184[4?] granting pension to certain widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of Ephraim Ketchum who was a private in the War of the Revolution and to the belief of her knowledge and belief he entered in the year 1779 or 1780 in the town of Spencertown in the County of Columbia and State of New York into the [?] or one years service under Capt. Vroman or Capt. Froman in Col Harper's New York Regiment and marched to Fort Johnstown in the Valley of the Mohawk in the State of New York and served then principally scouting for Indians.

He then marched from Fort Johnstown to Fort Herkimer and from thence to Fort Standwix [Stanwix] in the State of New York and remained in service until the said Fort Stanwix was burnt sometime during his first enlistment he again entered for three years or during the war and served in Colonel VanCortland's Regiment in what company this deponent is not able to state and this declarant further says that after said Fort Standwix was burnt her said husband marched from said fort to Fort Herkimer and from thence to Albany, West Point, Philadelphia and from there to Baltimore and was at the surrender of Ford Cornwallis and served in Col. VanCortlandt Regiment at this expedition.

And she further states that her said husband was present at the taking of Burgoyne in the year 1777.

She further states that she was married to the said Ephraim Ketchum on the 22d day of December (1785) seventeen hundred and eighty five in the town of Spencertown in the County of Columbia NY by the Reverend Jesse Clark.

That her said husband the aforesaid Ephraim Ketchum died in the year one thousand eight hundred and three 1803.

That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Jemima Ketchum.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before. Henry Stephens, First Judge Cortland County.

I certify that the above named declarant in unable to attend the sitting of the Court in Consequence of the infirmity of old age. Henry Stephens, First Judge Courtland County.