

Pension Application for Robert Leonard

W.24511 (Widow: Naomi)

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of 7th July 1838 and 23^d August 1842, and of the joint resolution of Congress of 16th August 1842, extending the provisions of the Act of 7th July 1838.

State of New York

City & County of New York SS

On this twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York, Naomi Leonard, a resident of the City of New York aged 75 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 7th 1838 & 23 August 1842, and by the joint resolution of Congress passed 16th August 1842 entitled “ resolution declarative of the Pension Act of July 7th 1838”:-

That she is the widow of Robert Leonard who was a private in the War of the Revolution and served in Captain Cornelius T. Jansen’s Company of Infantry in the First New York Regiment—that her husband was a pensioner on the Roll of the New York City agency at the rate of eight dollars per month under the act of 18th March 1818.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Leonard the eleventh day of August A. D. 1785 at Saratoga in the State of New York by Robert Kelley a Baptist Clergyman, long since dead:

That her husband the aforesaid Robert Leonard died on the 20th day of May A.D. 1841 as may be seen by reference to the voucher now on file at Washington upon which the balance of pension due at his decease was paid: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz: at the time above stated—as will more fully appear by reference to the family record contained in the memorandum book marked **A** herewith transmitted—which said family record is in the handwriting of her said husband and was in his keeping until his death and since it has been in her possession and been carefully Kept by her-- She further declares that it is a true and genuine record of ;the date of her marriage with her said husband and of the births of their several children – and is to the best of her knowledge and belief, the only record of said marriage in existence.

She also refers as matter of additional testimony, to the deposition of her husband to their marriage taken January 10th 1838 and hereunto annexed.

And she further declares she has not intermarried but continued the widow of the said Robert Leonard. (Signed with her mark) Naomi Leonard

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Wm. Inglis, associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Courts of New York in the State of New York.

Letter in folder dated January 11, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.24511 it appears that Robert Leonard enlisted as a private in Captain Cornelius Jansen's Company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Regiment and was discharged June 8, 1783 at which time he was a private in Colonel VanSchaick's First New York Regiment, having served six years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 17, 1818 while a resident of New York, New York.

In 1820 he was living in Troy, New York aged fifty-eight years and referred to his daughter aged thirteen years and son aged eleven years, but did not give their names.

Soldier married August 11, 1785, in Saratoga, New York, Naomi whose maiden name is not given. She was allowed pension on her application executed March 25, 1843 while living in New York, New York aged seventy-five years.