

Pension Application for John Lusk

W.21591 (Widow Caty) Married February 10, 1784, John died December, 10, 1817.

The State of Ohio

Geauga County SS

On this Twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & forty one, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Geauga in the State of Ohio, Caty Lusk a resident of Munson in said County of Geauga aged eighty three 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 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": that she is the widow of John Lusk who was a soldier in the army of the Revolution and served therein as this declarant is informed & believes as follows to wit: that after the performance of divers tours of service, which she is unable particularly to specify, the said John Lusk enlisted for a term of six or nine months some time in the early part of the year 1777, in the town of Claverick [Claverack] State of New York in the Second New York Regiment, commanded as she is informed & believes, by Col Philip VanCortland and after said enlistment served during the year 1777 at West Point as a soldier in said Regiment untill the fall of said year, serving during said tour and doing garrison duty, as she is informed and believes for the period of at least, six months.

This declarant further states that the said John Lusk on the fifth day of May 1778, at Claverack in the State of New York, enlisted as a private soldier into the company commanded by Captain Hallet in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCourtlandt and continued to serve in said Regiment until the close of the Revolutionary War as a private, that he latter part of said service was in the Company of Captain Hamtranck, and that he thus served for a period of three years & more; that she is unable more particularly to state of said last service, but she states that said last enlistment was for during the war, and that said John Lusk died served for during the war discharging such duties of a soldier as he was commanded to perform, and at the end of the war was honorably discharged & received & drew the bounty lands 600 acres for his said enlistment & service.

And she further states as she is informed & believes that during said last tour of service said John Lusk, part of the time served under the command of General Sullivan, and acted as a soldier under him through the whole of his expedition against the Indians in the western part of New York, then called the Genesee Country, and she is unable further to particularize his service; that as she is informed & believes he served from the time of his said enlistment until January 1782 when he was discharged, and she refers for proof of his said services to the records of the War Office, to the certificate of the Deputy Secretary of State for the State of New York hereto annexed, and to the several depositions or affidavits of Henry Speed, Jacob McGinnis and Oliver Brown hereto annexed also; that she has no documentary evidence (except said certificate) in support of said claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Lusk on the tenth day of February (1784) in the year seventeen hundred & eighty four; that her husband, the aforesaid John Lusk died on the tenth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and seventeen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four, viz: at the time above stated. (signed with her mark) Caty Lusk

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written in open court before me. D.D. Aiken, Clerk