

Pension Application for Robert Lytle or Lyttle

W.4043 (Esther Norway-Former Widow)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

St. Laurence County SS.

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty two personally appeared before me Anthony C. Brown one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County aforesaid & of the degree of Counsellor of law at the Supreme Court, residency of Ogdensburgh in said County Esther Norway a resident of the town of Lisbon in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy nine years & upwards, who being first duly sworn deposed & saith that she was married to Robert Lytle, now deceased, on the eleventh day of February 1783, at the town of Salem in the County of Washington in the State of New York. That this declarant lived with the said Robert Lytle her husband until the month of February 1813, when he died in the town of Lisbon aforesaid. That she remained a widow until the fall of the year of 1821 when she married Charles Norway with whom she lived until the month of January 1832 when he died or the year 1831. That since his death, this Declarant has remained sole & unmarried.

This declarant further says that she was personally well acquainted with her first husband from her earliest recollection & that her parents resided about two miles from his. She was engaged to be married to the said Robert Lytle when quite young & she knew of his going into the public service in the Army of the Revolution. When he first enlisted, it was in Salem in Washington County in the State of New York & he went as she understood it towards Lake George.

She thinks his first service was under a Captain Joshua Conkey. Her said Husband was absent on duty she understood, for about all of the time until the close of the war.

She remembers that at one time the company to which her husband belonged were quartered in the Meeting House in Salem aforesaid & that the British come & burnt it, but she cannot remember the date of this burning.

She recollects that he went to Fort Ann & Fort Edward but she cannot state the time. She recollects that at one time he enlisted into a company of rangers, but the time she cannot state. She recollects that on one occasion he went to Pennsylvania & enlisted & was gone a year & as she understood from him & his friend he served there a year as a private soldier.

That when he was in service at Salem aforesaid she understood that he was an orderly sergeant of his company. That he devoted his time to the service of his country from the commencement to the end of the war [?] as a soldier or as a non commissioned officers. She cannot state under whom he served except as above stated & that he served under General Washington when in Pennsylvania. She thinks the name of his Col was Curry.

She well recollects her husband had two written discharges which he said were given him by his officers. These have long since lost & destroyed. She remembers also that he kept a written diary or journal of his services & of the occurrences while in service during the whole time he was out in service which he kept until his death & which has since been destroyed.

She has often heard him read from it & state that he had served during the whole war in the American Army. She recollects that he had a large quantity of Continental money which is also lost or destroyed.

She has no evidence of her husband's services, except the affidavit of Hugh Wilson, Robert Huggins, Elizabeth Armstrong, James W. Lytle, Margaret Armstrong, Thomas J. Armstrong, & Margaret Kinney hereto annexed.

That the evidence of her marriage is also contained in said affidavit. She has never drawn any pension, or received any gratuity from the government on account of her husband's services & she hereby relinquishes all claims for her said husband's services, except the present claim.

Her husband's name is not on any pension roll to her knowledge or belief of any state or agency.

She claims such pension as she may be entitled to under the laws of the United States. (Signed) Esther Norway.

Sworn before me October 12th 1842. A. C. Brown, Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated February 14, 1919, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the fourth instant, you are advised that in the papers in the claim W. File No.4043 Rev War, it is stated that Robert Lytle enlisted at Salem, Washington County, New York, and served at various times amounting to several years, as a Private and Orderly Sergeant, under Captain Joshua Conkey; in Captain John Armstrong's company, Colonel John Williams' regiment; and in Curry's Rangers, and was in the battles of Bennington and Germantown.

Soldier married at Salem, New York, February 11, 1783, Esther -----, born June 30, 1763. He died at Lisbon, New York in February 1813, his age is not stated.

Esther Lytle married in the Fall of 1821, Charles Norway who died in January 1832, and she was allowed pension for the services of Robert Lytle, on her application executed October 12, 1842, at which time she was a resident of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Only children's names stated are, James W. Lytle aged forty-eight years and Margaret Kinney aged thirty-eight years, in 1842.

In 1849, the widow stated that she removed to Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin with her daughter and son-in-law, but did not give their names.