

Pension Application for Edward McDonald

W.17204 (Content Allen, former widow) Edward and Content were married in July 1778. He died May 14, 1797 in Bennington Vermont.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836 & March 3d 1837 entitled "An act granting half -pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of Vermont

Bennington County SS.

On this nith [ninth] day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three personally appeared before one of the Judges of the Court in& for said County Content Allen a resident of the town of Shaftsbury in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont aged 82 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 an act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836 & March 3, '837 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of John Allen late of the town of Argyle in the State of New York who departed this life on the [blank] day of February 1837.

That her husband the said John Allen was the second husband of this Declarant she having been married to him when the widow of her first husband Edward McDonald who was a private in the militia Regiment of Col. Van Wart. That her husband the said Edward McDonald was a soldier during the way of the revolution and served upon numerous occasions both before and after said marriage to him. That she has always been informed that her said husband McDonald served five months in 1776 under Capt. Hodge and during the expedition to Saratoga & Stillwater [?] against the army under Burgoyne and that during said expedition he was engaged both in the battle of Bennington & the battle of Stillwater. That after her said marriage her said husband was also out with the army upon a number of expeditions.

That in the year 1780 or 1781 she thinks 1780 he enlisted in Albany & served for a period of six months or upwards & also at Saratoga, Palmertown, Fort Anne & other places in the Militia.

And declarant further saith, that she was married to the said Edward McDonald on the fourteenth day of July seventeen hundred and seventy eight by a Baptist Clergyman at Shaftsbury aforesaid; that the following persons were present at her marriage, to wit: a large number of persons all of whom are now dead to the best of declarants knowledge.

That previous to her said marriage she resided in the town of Whitecreek, NY.

That her husband the said Edward McDonald died as aforesaid on the fourteenth day of May (1797) seventeen hundred & ninety seven.

That she was afterwards married to said John Allen as aforesaid who died in February 1837. That Declarants son now living in Pennsylvania has Declarants family record containing account of marriage, but she does not know whether any other record exists. (Signed with her mark) Collect Allen

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid, before me. And I certify that this declarant Content Allen is unable to attend Court by reason of old age & bodily infirmity. Benjamin T. Olin