

Pension Application for John Peck

R.8055 (Widow: Hannah)

State of New York

City & County of Bew York

On this fifth day of June 1837 personally appeared before the honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York, Hannah Peck a resident of the said City of New York aged eighty two 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of john peck a soldier of the Revolutionary Army and was during a portion of his time under Captains Henry Dubois and Dodge and under Colonel Cortlandt but her recollection is not sufficiently distinct at this time to state more particularly the names of the officers under whom he served nor the times and terms of service.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Peck on the fourteenth day of September in the year 1777. Shea recollects the day of the month and she believes it was the year 1777. Her recollection on this point is aided by the recollection that it was the second year of the War, and that she was twenty two years of age in the April previous that the said marriage took place in the town of Marlborough in the County of Ulster in the State of New York and the service was performed by ___ Fowler Esquire a Justice of the Peace and that she preserved a record of her marriage in the family Bible but that the Bibble [Bible] but that the Bible has been lost for many years—that she received no certificate of her marriage from the Justice and never had any other record evidence of her marriage than that contained in her Bible.

That her husband was in the army at the time of their marriage—and came on his furlough to be married—that within the space of a month after their marriage her husband left her again and joined the army and was absent from her for about fourteen months—that she believed he was using such absence at Fort Stanwix. That after that she went with her said husband and joined the army—that at that time the whole country was filled with soldiers and she was induced to join her here [sic] husband Is will from a sense of her insecurity. Elsewhere as from a wish to be with him—that her husband passed through the whole of the remaining term of the war and that she continued with him all that time—and travelled into the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Caroling—that she recollects the Battle of Monmouth, and Yorktown—that her husband was under General Washington, whom she recollects to have seen very often—She further declares that her husband received a pension for his revolutionary services till his Death. That her said husband died on the twentieth day of February 1835 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Peck

Sworn before me this 5th day of June 1837. R. Riker, Recorder of the City of New York.