

Pension Application for James Reed

W.15849 (Widow: Effa) Married New Years in the year 1777, he died the first day of October 1821.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this tenth day of June in the year 1837, personally appeared before the under signed one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Orange Effa Reed a resident of the Town of Minisink in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty three years in the month – day of March last 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 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of James Reed late of the Town of Minisink aforesaid who was a private soldier in the army of the revolution.

That she has been informed & believes that her said husband in the year 1776 enlisted into a company of volunteers of militia of the state aforesaid of which Daniel Denton was Captain said company belonged to Colonel Ridgeman's regiment and was stationed at the City of New York. That her said husband enlisted into said company for the term of one year & served said term at the place last aforesaid & was honorably discharged from said service, that she is unable to state the time which her said husband enlisted & the time of his discharge.

That she has also been informed & believes, that her said husband was in the month of July in the year 1777 called into the service was a private in a company of Militia of said State at Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River & served said Fort the term of three weeks, & as she has been informed in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Jones.

That she has also been informed & believes that her said husband was again in the fall of the year 1777 called into the service of the United States at Peramus in the State of New Jersey in a company of which Richard Bailey was captain which company belonged to Colonel Hawthorn's Regiment & served the term of one month as a private in the aforesaid company at the place last aforesaid.

That she has also been informed & believes that her said husband during the year 1777, was in the service of the United States as a militia man and served during the aforesaid year at Peramus Ramapo & the English neighbourhood in the State of New Jersey as much as two months but from old age & loss of memory she is unable to state the several tours of service or under what officers the same was done.

That she has also been informed & believes that her said husband in the year 1778 enlisted into a company of militia of said state of which John Smith was captain said company was attached to Colonel Newkirk regiment for the term of eight months & served said term of eight months as a private at Dewitt's fort on the western frontiers of the then County of Ulster now county of Orange in guarding the inhabitants against the invasions of the Indians & was honorably discharged from said service.

That she has also been informed & believes that her said husband in the month of October in the year 1780 was again called into the service of the United States and belonged to a company of militia of which Abraham Westfall was Captain & was ordered first to Dewitts fort aforesaid & after remaining there a few days was with others of said company ordered to Shandaken in Ulster County aforesaid & attached to a company of militia of which John Paulding was Captain & said company belonged to Colonel Paulding's Regiment. And served six weeks as a private in said tour at the places last aforesaid in defending the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians the same being on the western frontiers of Ulster County.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Reed between Christmas and New Years in the year 1777—and that her husband the aforesaid James Reed died on the first day of October in the year 1821. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

And she further declares that she was married to her said husband the said James Reed by the Rev. M. Carr a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Goshen in the County of Orange aforesaid.

That she has no documentary evidence of the service of her said husband.
(Signed with her mark) Effa Reed

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me. Hulet Clark a Judge of Orange Common Pleas.