

Pension Application for John Reed

W.24740 (Widow: Rebecca) John Reed married Rebecca Rogers March 5, 1778. He died April 29, 1819.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this 28th day of July, in the year 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Sullivan, Rebecca Reed of the Town of Forrestburgh County of Sullivan & State of New York aged about ninety years on the [blank] day of [blank] last doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of John Reed late of the county of Sullivan aforesaid who was a private in a company of Militia of the State of New York of which William Jackson was Captain.

That she has been informed & believes that he[r] said husband sometime In the spring of the year 1775—enlisted as a minute man In the aforesaid Company for the term of four months & served said term of four months on the aforesaid company in the County of orange at New Windsor & other places along the Hudson river, that such service was for the purpose of guarding the inhabitants of said County. That said company as deponent believes belonged to Col. McClaughry's regiment.

That her said husband on the twenty ninth day of January in the year 1777 again enlisted into a company of militia of said State of which William Faulkner was captain. Said company was raise[d] about the first day of January In the year last aforesaid for the term of three months but that her said husband did not enlist until the twenty ninth day of January aforesaid & served until the first day of April in said year being two months & four day[s] as will more fully appear by a copy of the rolls of said Captain Faulkner herewith transmitted that said service was done by order of the Committee of safety of Ulster County & said company was under the command of Col. Levi Paulding, said service was as this deponent believes done in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

That her said husband again in the month of June in the year 1777, enlisted into a company of militia of said State which was under the immediate command of Lieutenants James Hunter & David Hunter & was engaged in said service for the term of six months in guarding the public stores then stationed at a small fort erected at the House of William Bull which is situated in the Town of Montgomery & County of Orange & also on the western frontier of Ulster County in guarding the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians but she is unable to state the names of any other of the officers of said company in the Colonel under whom said service was done.

That she has also been informed and believes that her said husband served several other tours of militia service in the County of Orange & Ulster aforesaid but she is unable to state the length of each tour or the officers under which said tours of service were done, but from her own recollection her said husband was in service at Peenpack at the time said settlement was burnt by the Indians. And also at or immediately after the Swarthouts were killed at the aforesaid place.

That her maiden name was Rebecca Rogers & that she was married to the said John Reed by the Rev. McKerr a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Goshen in the County of Orange on the fifth day of March in the year 1778. And that her late husband the said John Reed died on the twenty ninth day of April in the year 1819.

And that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said John Reed as will more fully appear from the proof hereto annexed.

That she knows no documentary evidence of her service of her husband except a roll now on in the Pension office at Washington of Captain William Jackson's Company of the four month's service in the year 1775, and the copy of the roll of Captain Faulkner's Company here with transmitted the original being in the possession of a son of said Captain Faulkner but who refuses to permit the same to go out of his possession. And further says not. (Signed with her mark) Rebecca Reed

Subscribed & sworn before me this 2nd day of July 1837. P. Pelton Judge &c.