

**Pension Application for Gideon Ruger**

W.18459 (Mary Wilson—Former Widow) Gideon died April 1808.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

I Mary Ruger otherwise called Mary Wilson of Plattsburg in said County being duly sworn do say that when I made my declaration before Judge Haite on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1836, to obtain a pension under the act of July 4, 1836, to obtain a pension under the act of July 4, 1836.

I told Mr. Woodward my attorney & also Judge Haile, that my name was Mary Ruger supposing that it was the name in which my pension should be granted.

On Money the 31<sup>st</sup> July last Mr. Woodward was informed by me for the first time, tlaht about eighteen years ago I was married to one David Wilson which whom I lived about two years, and that the said Wilson died in the year 1821. ; Since which time I have been called by some the widow Ruger, by other the widow Wilson.

I have had no husband since said Wilson & am rather [?] to bear his name & prefer to obtain my pension by the name of Mary Ruger if it can properly be done.

(Signed with her Mark) Mary Ruger. (Signed with her Mark) Mary Wilson

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1837 & I certify that Deponent is a credible person & that the above was carefully read over to her by me & Declared by her to be true & that she never learned to write her name having never learned how. Caleb Nichols Supreme court Commissioner.

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836 personally appeared before the Hon. Wm. F. Haite a Judge of Clinton County Courts Mary Ruger a resident of Plattsburg in said County & State aforesaid aged seventy eight years (born August 24, 1758) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the , Capt. Jacob Yatesct of Congress passed July 11, 1836.

That she is the widow of Gideon Ruger who was an Orderly Sergeant under Capt Peter Yates, Major Ezekiel Taylor, Capt Jacob Yates, New York State Troops.

We resided at CrumPoint my husband's first service was at the taking of St. Johns L.C. under General Arnold in the spring of 1775. It was taken without resistance, my husband was absent in the expedition about a week. He served with Ethan Allen at the taking of Ticonderoga in May 1775. Four weeks as near as I can estimate the time.

We moved to Newtown Saratoga Co. in the spring of 1776. In 1777 he was appointed orderly sergt in the spring of 1776. [sic]

In 1777 he was appointed orderly Sergt by Col Yates, Capt Yates Compy & served three months before & at the taking of Burgoyne during this year in guarding garrison.

During the year in which Arnold went over to the enemy 1780 my husband served three months as orderly sergeant at West Point in Capt Yates Col. We resided during that year in Poughkeepsie.

My husband served in all at least a year of actual service but I was unable to state more than the above particularized, I am confident he said more than a year.

I further declare that I was married to said Gideon Ruger at Willsburgh NY by Wm Gilliard Esqr on the 22d Nov. 1772—and that my said husband died on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1808 at Plattsburgh, & that I have remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by the proof annexed. (Signed with her Mark) Mary Ruger.

Sworn and subscribed to this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836 & I certify that deponent is a credible person & that foregoing was carefully read over to her before subscribed & declared to by her to be true. Wm. F. Haile. A Judge of Clinton County Courts.