

Pension Application for Levi VanAuken

W.18218 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

County of Albany SS

On this 27th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, (the same being a Court of Record) Elizabeth VanAuken, a resident of the Town of Guilderland in said County and State, aged eighty two years in May 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 Levi VanAuken who was a Lieutenant and served as such in the revolutionary war, in a company of Militia, as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Levi VanAuken, in the year that the tea was thrown overboard at Boston, before the revolutionary war, but she cannot recollect the month or day of the month, but thinks it was in the month of April. She was married in the Town of Esopus (now called Kingston) in the County of Ulster, and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Revd Mr. Doll, a Dutch Minister, who then resided in said town & at whose house they were married;--that her husband the aforesaid Levi VanAuken, died on the ninth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty --and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she does not know whether the said Mr. Doll is living or dead—that she has no record of her marriage & does not know whether any such record exists or not—That if there is such a record, it is probably to be found on the records of the Dutch Church in Kingston—and that she has never learned to write & therefore makes her mark for her signature. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth VanAuken

Sworn to & Subscribed (by making her mark) this 27th day of January 1837 in open court. J. G. Wasson, Clk &c.