

Pension Application for Reuben Wooden or Woodin

W.26124 (Widow: Patience) Married December 18, 1783. He died January 31, 1822.
B.L.Wt.57780-160-55

Letter in folder dated February 18, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.26124, it appears that Reuben Wooden or Woodin was born January 3, 1765, place not stated.

He enlisted in the spring of 1782 and served nine months as a private in Captains Henry's and Peter B. Tearse's Companies, (1) Colonel Marinus Willett's New York Regiment, and was out on scouting parties against the Tories and Savages.

He died January 31, 1822, at Halfmoon, Saratoga County, New York.

Soldier married December 18, 1783 at Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, Patience Landers or Sanders, who was born January 25, 1766, place not stated. She was allowed pension on her application executed October 8, 1838, while a resident of Halfmoon, New York.

In 1848, she was in Hambden, Geauga County, Ohio; and in 1855 she was in Halfmoon, New York.

Their children—

Reuben Jr. born June 20, 1785.

Mary born February 14, 1787.

Lucy born May 9, 1789, died December 18, 1793.

Timothy born September 12, 1791.

Cornelius born August 17, 1793, died September 4, 1793.

Lucy born November 16, 1795.

Zacheus born December 25, 1798.

Aaron G. born January 14, 1801.

Abner born June 20, 1803.

Peter S. born May 19, 1805.

Hannah E. born December 12, 1807.

Reuben, Jr. married June 20, 1806 (name of wife not stated) and was living in Ohio in 1847. Mary married April 21, 1808 (name of husband not stated). Timothy married October 9, 1811 (name of wife not stated), he died January 28, 1815.

Declaration of a Revolutionary Widow who claims a Land Warrant under Act of March 3, 1855.

State of New York

City and county of Albany

On this Twentieth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, personally appeared before me a Commissioner of Deeds within and for the City, County and state aforesaid, Patience Wooden aged ninety years, a resident of Halfmoon, Saratoga County in the State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Reuben Wooden deceased, who was a private in the War of the Revolution and served therein as set forth in declaration Made by me

under the act of congress of 2nd February 1848 and on which Declaration she received a Pension Certificate for [thirty is crossed out] twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum payable at the Albany agency in the State of New York which Certificate is recorded on the Roll of Pensions under the Act of Feb 2, 1848 on Page 244Vol. 4— which certificate she still draws pay on as the widow of the said Reuben Wooden and to which declaration as to the Services of her said husband in said War now on file referring to the time, place and nature of service as also the Officers under whom he Served She would respectfully refer for correctness—

She further states that she was married to the said Reuben Wooden in Stillwater County aforesaid on the Eighteenth day of December A.D. 1783 by me Elder Campbell a Clergyman and that her name before her said marriage was Patience Sanders that her said husband died at Halfmoon Saratoga Co., on the 31 day of January A.D. 1822, and that she is now a widow and has been so since the date of her said husband's death and as to the proof of her said marriage to her said husband on the date above Stated She declares that the only testimony She has to offer and which she can obtain is the Original Family Record (2) now on file in the department which document do compound her declaration on which she was placed on the Pension list and to which she would refer.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855, and she hereby requests the Commissioner of Pensions to forward her warrant to Lemuel Jenkins, Albany, N.Y., and appoint him my attorney to receive the same for me. (Signed with her mark) Patience Wooden.

End Notes—W.26124—Reuben Wooden

1. Nathaniel Henry was appointed captain on April 10, 1782 in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York, State Levies. On enlisting his quota of men he would receive a commission as a captain. In July as Captain Henry nor his officers had recruited the quotas the company officers were discharged. The recruits such as Reuben were put into Captain Peter B. Tearce's Company in Willett's Regiment. On April 14th 1843 the State Comptroller M. Flagg supplied the following pay information for proof of service:

7th July 1782—Nathaniel Henry £ 5.12.0

31st Decr 1782—Peter B. Tearse £ 15.7.6

Both for Willett's Regiment.

He also supplied the following for a Reuben Wooding for the following:

1st July 1780 Capt John Hermance £ 0.7.1.

31st Augt 1780 Capt Christian Miller (Muller) £ 2..13..4

27th Oct 1780 Capt Christian Miller £ 5..1..5

All of which were in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies.

He also provided one for:

Nov 5th 1781 for Novr 5th 1781 for £ 0..19..6 ½ but did not list a captain or regiment.

As Reuben was only 15 in 1780 it is unknown if it is his service.

Also in the Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, (Waillett's Regiment), National Archives, Washington, D.C., there was a list of Certificates to be accounted for by Coll Willett Pay of 1782—Captain Henry's, Reuben Wooden, £5. . 12. . 0.

2. This record is still in the file: "*Record of the family of Reuben Woodin*". Signed at the bottom of list by Dan.S. Parmeter. In Patience's application of October 8, 1838 she states that Dan. S. Parmeter was a Revd "*Is a Just and true record of the date of Marriages & deaths of her husband the said Reuben Wooding family including the date of their births & marriage and that said Entry was made on a left in a Book Entitled the life or Christ by James Dugan.*"