

Pension Application for Benedict Woodward

W.18373 (Elizabeth) Benedict died Dec 20, 1813.

State of New York

County of Erie SS

On this 17th day of February personally appeared before me James Stryker First Judge in and for said County of Erie Elizabeth Woodward a resident of the town of Concord in said County of Erie and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy six years 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Benedict Woodward who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary Army and served a tour of seven months in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five by having enlisted in a company commanded by Captain George White at New Lebanon Columbia County and State of New York.

That again in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he the said Benedict Woodward again enlisted for a term of seven months in a company commanded by Captain Bebee at New Lebanon aforesaid and served the tour of seven months as a private soldier was then discharged and returned home.

That from the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven down to the close of the war the said Benedict Woodward was enrolled in the militia at New Lebanon aforesaid and was at several different time either drafted or ordered out in militia service yet by reason of the lapse of time she is not now not able to state any prior period or length of time which he severed except that in the fall season of the year seventeen hundred and eight he the said Benedict Woodward served a tour of at least one month in a company commanded by Captain Jones in a regiment commanded by Colonel Waterman and that his line of march was from the said town of New Lebanon to Albany from thence to Schenectada thence along the Valley of the Mohawk River and its vicinity as far up as Fort Plain. That for proof of said services she most respectfully refers the Commissioner of Pensions to the testimony of respectable persons whose affidavits may be attached to this her solemn declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the aid Benedict Woodward at New Lebanon Columbia County and State of New York by the Reverend Mr. Throop on the thirtieth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty that the above mentioned tour of Service of one month along the Valley of the Mohawk River was performed in the fall season of the year 1780 which was after their marriage as above stated.

That her husband the aforesaid Benedict Woodward died on the twentieth day of December eighteen hundred and thirteen and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.
(Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Woodward

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and hear first above written before me.
James Stryker, First Judge of Erie County.