

Pension Application for John Wormwood

W.24797 (Widow: Hannah Rawley)
State of New York
Schoharie County SS.

On this 28th day of August 1843, personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the County of Common Pleas of the said County of Schoharie Hannah Rawley a resident of Cobleskill in the County of Schoharie aforesaid aged seventy five 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 provisions made by the act of congress passed July 7th 1838 and the acts and resolutions according the same including the act passed August 23d, 1842 granting half pay and provisions to certain widows. That she was married to John Wormwood who was a private in the war of the revolution. That she the declarant is unable to specify the particulars of the services of her said husband from her own personal knowledge as she was not married to him until after the war of the Revolution But that she has frequently and credibly been informed that he did serve on various occasions. That he enlisted into Captain Christian Getman's (1) Company of Rangers of the County of Tryon on the 23d day of August 1776 and served therein until the 27th day of March 1777 as will appear reference being had to Captain Getman's Muster Roll and the resolutions of the committee of safety and convention of New York now on file at the war department of the United States. And further that he served as set forth by records found in the comptrollers office of this state reference being had to the certificate of the comptroller herewith accompanying her said husband relates his services and has heard others relate that he served as a batteauaman but she cannot name his Capt. But she would refer to the rolls of Capt. Samuel Gray (2) and the Capt. John Lefler (3) which she has been informed are on file at the war department for his services therein. And that he also served under Captain Andrew Dillenback (4) in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment of the New York Militia Commanded by Gen. Nicholas Herkimer and was engaged in the Oriskany [Oriskany] Battle under said officers in August 1777 and was present when Capt. Dillenback was killed in said Battle by the enemy.

All of which she has reason to believe will show clear proof of the services of her said husband. And therefore presents her claim to a pension for his said services. She further declares that her maiden name was Hannah Kane. That she was married to the said John Wormwood on the 9th day of April seventeen hundred and eighty seven. That her husband the said John Wormwood died on the 17th day of December seventeen hundred and ninety nine. And this declarant would further state that the said John Wormwood's name was sometimes wrote John Warmouth. And this declarant would further state that she was afterwards married to Thomas Rawley who died on the 25th day of March eighteen hundred and fourteen and that she is now his widow as will now fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Rawley

Subscribed and sworn before me this 28th day of August 1843 and I certify that the declarant Hannah Rawley is unable to attend court by reason of old age and bodily infirmity and also that she is she's a creditable witness. John Westover, Judge of Schoharie County Courts.

Reply to a letter of inquiry dated April 3, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to the husband of Hannah Rawleigh; she received a pension from the United States and died in 1853, but you do not know the name of her husband.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.24797, based upon service of John Wormwood or Warmouth in the Revolutionary War; his widow, Hannah, was doubtless the pensioner to whom you refer.

John Wormwood or Warmouth enlisted August 23, 1776, and served as private in Captain Christian Getman's company of rangers in the New York troops until March 27, 1777; he served as private in the Battle of Oriskany and was present when Captain Andrew Dillenback was killed, also, rendered boat service under Captains Samuel Gray and John Lefler. During the years 1778, 1780, 1781 and 1782, he served at various times, amounting in all to nearly one year, as a private in the New York troops under Captain John Bedhig, Rudolph Kock, Thomas Skinner (5) and Peter B. Tearse (6), and Colonels Jacob Klock, Peter Waggoner and Marinus Willett.

The soldier married April 9, 1787, Hannah Kane. Their names were borne on the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia, town of Palatine.—Johannes Warmuth and Johanna Kahn.

John Warmouth (Wormwood) died December 17, 1799. Sometime later, his widow, Hannah, married Thomas Rawley or Rawleigh, who died March 25, 1814. The date and place of birth of said Thomas are not shown, nor the date and place of their marriage.

Hannah Rawley (as her name was borne on the pension rolls) was allowed pension on account of service of her former husband, John Warmouth, in the Revolutionary War on her application executed August 28, 1843, at which time she resided in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York. She was aged then seventy-five years; the date and place of her birth and the names of her parents were not given. It was not stated that Thomas Rawley rendered service in the Revolutionary War. In 1848, said Hannah resided in Deerfield, Oneida County, New York.

In 1844, Nancy Empie, the daughter of the soldier, John Warmouth and his wife, Hannah, made affidavit in behalf of her mother in Fulton County, New York; her brother, John Warmouth (as he signed his name) was in Fulton County, New York, at that time. Both of them referred to brothers and stated that the names Warmouth and Wormwood were interchangeable.

In 1844, Daniel Rawley, the son of Thomas Rawley and his wife, Hannah, was a resident of Cobleskill, New York. He signed his name Rawley. There are no further data in regard to any other children with the surname Rawley.

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1. On July 23, 1776 New York's Provincial Congress authorized 3 companies of Ranger to be raised for the defense of Tryon County Christian Getman was appointed Captain of one of the companies. John enlisted on August 23, 1776 and the company was discharged by the Provincial Congress on March 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, Folder 103, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Captain Samuel Gray Commanded a company of Batteaumen in 1779 and 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, Folder 77, National Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Captain John Leffler commanded a company of Batteaumen in 1778. John's name does not appear on the muster roll. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, M-246, Roll 122, Folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Captain Andrew Dillenbach (Dillenback, Dillenbagh, etc.) of the Fourth Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
5. John enlisted in 1781 in Captain Thomas Skinner's Company in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. He was owed £6..18..8 and it was delivered to William Willson. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173, National Archives, Washington, DC.
6. According to the Colonel Marinus Willett's Descriptive Book No. 4, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, NY. Doc. No. 11105, John enlisted as follows:
August 10, 1782, in Captain Peter B. Tearce's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. Born at Stone Arabia, Tryon County, New York, enlisted by John Taylor for 2 years 4 months, 22 days, age 22, size 5 ft, complexion dark, hair dark, eyes black, occupation weaver, Remarks—scar on left eye.
In 1783, Tearce commanded the Light Infantry Company and John was still in the company. Tearce's payroll states John served 12 months. He had been paid £26..0..60 and was owed £53..0..30. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.