

Pension Application for Edward Wright

S.18388 (Widow: Freelove) Married February 2, 1780, Edward died February 2, 1821.

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

On the fifth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine before the Luther Wait one of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington (the same being a Court of record) personally appeared Freelove Wright a resident of the Town of Fort Edward in the county of Washington and state of New York aged eighty three years and 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 7st 1838; that she is the widow of Edward Wright, who was a soldier in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war, and served as a private in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment of New York Troops in the company commanded by Capt Austin under an enlistment for the term during the war.

She further declares that her husband enlisted into the service in the month of October 1778 in the Town of Saratoga in the County of Saratoga in the state of New York, and that he was in the following service, that in marching from Saratoga barracks on an Indian campaign to the west, conducted by General Clinton and Sullivan, he serving in Genl Clinton's Division, marching as soldiers in from Saratoga to Albany, thence up the Mohawk river to Fort [?] thence to Otsego Lake outlet. There staid three or four weeks and erected a dam and that he raised the water of the Lake; thence to Tioga Point; there met Gen Sullivan's division and [?] three or four weeks; thence up the west branch met near there; forty miles; and thence had an engagement with the Indians; thence to the outlet of Seneca Lake, thence to what was called Genesee Castle thence on the returning march; back to Tioga Pont thence to Wyoming, thence crossed the mountains to Easttown; thence to Bearskin Ridge in the State of New Jersey; and there spent the remainder of the year, and there spent the remainder of the year in scouting duty; and guarding different out posts.

The next company marched by land to Baltimore; from thence to Little York [Yorktown?] where he was in all the service in its reduction, and the various services was in to the taking of Cornwallace and thence back to New Jersey, where he was discharged the [??] was believed following by the discharging of the man.

She further declares she That she has no documentary evidence in [support?] of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Wright on the second day of February, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, that her husband the aforesaid Edward Wight died on the second day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed and she further declares that her name previous to her marriage was Freelove Bennett; and that she she was married in the Town of Cambridge in the County of Washington and State of New York, and that the marriage covenant was performed by Esquire Blair a Justice of the Peace then residing in said town.

She further declare that there is no record of her marriage that she knows of in existence. (Signed with her mark) Freelove Wright.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first written before me. Luther Wait, Judge of Wash. County Courts