

Pension Application for Henry Young

R.11968 (Widow: Mary)

Not much in this file.

Try, Jan'y 26th 1839.

Sir,

In compliance with your orders I have applied to the widow Mary Youngs and obtained the Family Record and have enclose[d] to you, as you stated the proof of marriage was not altogether satisfactory. I hope this may prove sufficient to remove all difficulty and that the widow may receive the Pension that was lawfully due her husband.

I had previously examined the Church Records of the German Lutheran Minister who married them and could not find it on the Records but I am satisfied that the Records of that year (a season of great confusion) were not particularly attended to, for I found that there was very few names recorded that year not one to ten that there were in previous years—perhaps only those that were married at his house I had occasion to examine the record of the Lutheran and low Dutch Church Records at Albany for to establish the marriage of two widows and found there the same neglect. Rev Mr. Myers of Lutheran Church there told me the Records of his predecessors were very imperfect that under the Colonial government they were not bound to keep a particular record, it was a voluntary thing and where they went abroad to marry they rarely were recorded.

I send you the best evidence I can possibly obtain with regard to the officers he served under the old people are all dead (his contemporaries) I found but one man that knew anything about it in Albany County he was eighty years and upwards he knew Henry Young well and remembered seeing him at Schoharie on an expedition of three months and he was on the same but belonged to another corps but could not tell who his officers were he being a cripple and for years confined to his chair could not walk—I found it so difficult to move him to Albany for his affidavit that I abandoned it thinking it would not amount to anything nor establish anything more than Mr. Myers testifies to, nor so much for Mr. Myers was more in service and did more duty than any man in both Regiments—he did duty for three men, his Father, Capt Van Buren he lived with besides his own, and was out on nearly every expedition during the war—with regard to widow Young's credibility as a witness sin her own [tear] refer you to Hon. Henry Vail M. Co. John Barrows