

Pension Application for Samuel Barkley

R.508 (Widow: Agnes) Married February 15, 1787, in the Presbyterian Church, Town of Montgomery, County of Orange.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 1st day of September 1841, personally appeared before me the undersigned on[e] of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange and State of New York afore said Agnes Barkley a resident of said county aged 77 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 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of Samuel Barkley deceased, who was an officer & served as such in the war of the Revolution as follows as she has heard from her husband & other persons & that she believes the declaration thus made to be true. That he entered the service as Lieutenant in Capt. Graham's Company in 1776 & served five months or more that season.

That in the Spring of 1777 he was again in the service in Graham's company & continued therein until a few days before Fort Montgomery was taken. That the said Graham deserted & left the company in charge of the said Berkley who marched the said company in pursuit of the enemy. That he served that season seven months or more in guarding powder works & otherwise. That he was out upon alarms at various times & at various places during the war. That he was a member of a committee of safety for the county of Ulster during the war. She further declares that she was married to the said Barkley the 15th of February 1787 by the Rev'd Andrew King deceased who was then the pastor of a Presbyterian Church in the town of Montgomery. That he died on the 17th of April 1814 & that she has remained his widow since that period all of which will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed. That she was no married to him previous to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to January 1794 to wit at the time above specified. (Signed with her mark) Agnes Barkley

Sworn & subscribed the 1st Sept, 1841 by making her mark she declaring that she cannot write & that from debility she would not be able to attend the coming session of the Court. H. W. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com. Pleas.