

### **Pension Application for Stephen Crane**

Jerusha Fuller (Former Widow) This widow received pension of her second husband. See claim Elkanah Fuller, Mass, W.25,602.

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State of New York

County of Allegany SS.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1853, personally appeared before the subscriber County Judge of said County, Jerusha Fuller, formerly widow of Stephen Crane, resident of the town of Hume in said county aged 86 years who being first duly sworn doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838.

This declarant states that her maiden name was Jerusha Bush, and that when a child she resided with her parents in the town of Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts.

That in the year 1789 she was married in the said town of Pittsfield, to a man by the name of Stephen Crane—that her husband the said Stephen Crane, resided previous to her marriages with him in the State of New York.

That he was a soldier in the war of the revolution—as she well remembers to have heard him say.

That he often spoke of his revolutionary service and claimed to have been a soldier under General Washington—and who served several years during said war. That the particulars of said service or the officers under whom he served, this declarant is unable to state—as it is so many years since the death of the said husband but she knows that he alleged that he had been a regular soldier and was in the battle of Saratoga under Gen. Gates and at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne.

That he resided in Saratoga County in the State of New York, and that the first time she saw him, which was in the said town of Pittsfield and after the close of the Revolutionary war, he had on his soldier uniform and she has seen a paper in his possession which was his commission or discharge.

Declarant states that after her marriage she resided for several years with the said Stephen Crane in the town of Pittsfield and that in the year 1794, or about that time her said husband died.

That in about three or four years after that time she married a man by the name of Elkanah Fuller who was a soldier of the revolution with whom she lived until the time of his death, which occurred on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1851. That he was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum—that since his death she has not again married but remained a widow. (Signed) Jerusha Fuller

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year first above written. Before me. L. P. Wetherby Judge Allegany County