

Pension Application for Joseph Elder

W.24111 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this first day of August 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned on of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] of said County Margaret Elder a resident of the Town of Crawford in said County aged seventy three 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 Joseph Elder who was a private in the army of the revolution and served as herein after specified according to the best of her information and belief that in the latter part of the year 1775 or the beginning of 1776 he entered the army under Capt. William Jackson and served four month as a minute man—

In the year 1776 was at the White Plains under Capt. William Jackson and served four months as a minute man—

In the year 1776 was at the White Plains under James Mulligan Col. Paulding but the other officers names she is unable to mention—

And in the year 1777 he was in the service at a place called Ramapo under Capt. William Faulkner two or three months—and in the year 1778 he served under Capt. Graham Col. VanCortlant's regiment nine months—and was out at different times on the eastern frontier in the Ulster County against the Indians until the close of the war, but on account of age and loss of memory she is unable to state more definitely the names officers under whom he served.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Elder in the fall of the year Seventeen hundred and eighty three by the Rev'd Andrew Thompson that her husband Joseph Elder aforesaid died on the nineteenth day March 1829 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the eservice but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Elder

Worn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before. H. W. Elliott,
Judge of Orange Com Pleas.