

Pension Application for John Forbes or Forbus or Forbush

R.9517 (Nancy Shippy, former Widow) John died about 1787 or 1788. She married Conaugh and he died, then her third husband was Henry Shippy about the year 1800 or 1801. Henry went to Canada about the year 1812 and never returned, she heard he died.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by act or acts of Congress in regard to any Revolutionary Pensions or services passed 4th July 1836. (3d Section)

State of New York

County of Madison SS.

On this second day of September 1857 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County of Madison duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Jacob J. Forbes a resident of the town of Lenox in said county aged seventy nine years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by any act or acts of Congress above stated.

That he is a child of John Forbes (otherwise called Forbus or Forbush and his wife Nancy.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War deponent and his said parents were living in Montgomery County New York. That his said father John Forbes was engaged much in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

He was at the Battle of Oriskany. That while in service at or near a place then called Royal Grants deponents father was taken prisoner by the enemy or Indians and was detained a prisoner for two years or more and he believes about three years. That one Pickard & others were taken prisoner at the same time. That he believes his said father John Forbes was in service in all more than four years.

That he has understood from his parents that they were married on the North side of the Mohawk River a little below Little Falls (now Rockton) in what is now Herkimer County NY. That they were married by one Rosekrants—That they stated they were married when his mother whose maiden name was Nancy House was but about fourteen years of age. That deponent was only about fifteen years younger than his mother.

That his father the said John Forbes (otherwise called Forbus or Forbush) died about the year 1788. That his death he left the said Nancy Forbes his widow who was deponents mother & whose maiden name was Nancy House. That said Nancy deponents mother remained the widow of said John deponents father until about the year 1796 when she intermarried with one Canaugh and afterwards with one Shippy.

That the said Nancy the deponents said mother died on the 23d day of February 1844 (Eighteen hundred & forty four) That the said Shippy died more than thirty five years ago.

That the only children of the said John Forbes the father of this deponent and his said wife Nancy are this deponent and Mary Wilson who is also living and is a

resident of the town of Fenner in said County of Madison & who is seventy two years of age. That this deponent and the said Mary Wilson his sister are the only children & heirs at law of the said John Forbes. (Signed with his mark) Jacob J. Forbes

Thomas T. Loomis, Justice of the Peace