

Pension Application for John Garry

R.3951 (Widow: Sarah)
State of Connecticut
County of Litchfield

On this 10th day of Oct 1855 personally appeared in Court being the Court of Probate within & for the District of Litchfield in said County Charlotte Bishop of the Town of Litchfield in said County & State aged fifty six years who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration as well for herself as for her brother William Gatty of [Harwinton?] in said State, surviving children of Sarah Gatty deceased, who was the widow of John Gatty late of said Litchfield deceased, who was a soldier of the Revolution for the purpose of obtaining all the arrears of pension due the said John & Sarah at the time of their deceased under the act of Congress of June 7, 1832 & July 7, 1838, the said Charlotte declares that her father said John Gatty came to this country in the time of the War of the Revolution to the City of New York & soon afterwards embraced the cause of Independence & entered into the military service in the Levies and Militia of the State of New York & continued in service to very near the close of said war.

He sometimes served as a private and sometimes in other capacities in various companies & Regiments as set forth & duly certified by the Comptroller of said State of New York [?] in Court now produced, She declares that she has often heard her father recount his services in said war and especially at being present at the executed of Andrew, and the hardships & sufferings but she cannot more particularly describe them than they are by the certificate aforesaid and altho the name is a little differently spelt in said certificate yet that it is the same person she has not the least doubt.

And the said Charlotte further says that after the close of the war, her father came from New York to Litchfield where he settled and where he lived until he died.

That her father the said John died on the fourteenth day of October 1837 and her mother the said Sarah on the seventeenth day of November following having two surviving children only viz, the said William & this applicant, and she further says that she has often heard her father speak of his right to a pension and the reason why he did not apply for one, was that he could not find any living witness which he thought necessary to prove his service, and she further says that her father & mother were married in the year 1791 and they lived together as man & wife until his death.

I have often heard my father say that he was entitled to 160 acres of bounty Land, and I recollect his going into the State of New York soon after the passage of the act of 1831 in search of a witness to his services, but the individual for whom he was searching was dead and he abandoned the effort.

My father was a German by birth, and so pronounced his name that it would be very natural for other to spell it differently. (Signed) Charlotte Bishop

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of October 1855. Charles Adams, Judge of Probate, for the Dist of Litchfield.