

Pension Application for John Hartwick

W.21249 (Widow: Sarah Rivers. Married February 3, 1784.) John died of the yellow fever in the City of New York the 24th of September 1798. John was a Drum Major in Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery.

Mrs. Sarah Hartwick is an applicant for a pension. Her husband was a drummer in the Revolutionary army in Col. Lamb's Regiment. He served throughout the war part of the time as Drum Major to the Regiment and was regularly discharged. His name was John Hartwick, he enlisted at New Windsor State of New York. Mrs. Hartwick became his wife shortly after peace was declared. They were married by the Chaplain of the Regiment to which he formerly belonged. Of course no church record of the marriage exists, the Chaplain, and all the witnesses have been dead many years. All this and much more is detailed in Mrs. Hartwick's statement now on file in the pension office properly deposed to & authenticated and much other testimony of proof corroborating the statement, but not sufficiently strong to satisfy Mr. Edwards the Pension agency or to justify him in granting her pension, the whole mass of proof may be examined by Mr. Youngs if he chooses to deem it necessary.

Now as to the actual requirements in the case. I am advised by the proper authorities that they are as follows—Satisfactory proofs that the claimants late husband is the same individual who served as a drummer in Capt. Moody's Company of Lamb's Regiment and afterwards as Drum Major for the Regiment. This identity may be shown, by proving that her late husband in the commencement of the late war belonged to New Windsor Ulster County and at the end of the war, received 600 acres of bounty land, stating the township in which the land was located.

2dly. Such grade of evidence as to the date of the marriage, as may be very generally found in the Books and records of the Town, Churches, and some branch of almost every family.

As to the first requirement—There is on file at the pension office an affidavit of one William Gaylor an officer in the same Regiment in which Hartwick served identifying Hartwick, who served on [?] as being the Husband of the applicant.

This I should suppose ought to be so far satisfactory—there is no possible doubt of the existence of it, and of its having been filed with Mr. Edwards, perhaps he may have overlooked it and it may become necessary to remind him of it.

As to the 2d requirement there seems to be great difficulty in furnishing the proof from the circumstance of their marriage having been performed by the Chaplain as above stated. No record of it ever did exist, and memorandum was made in the family bible belonging to the applicant in the handwriting of Hartwick but which since his death has been unfortunately torn from the book & lost.

[The writer of this document is not identified. Possibly an attorney.]