

Pension Application for David Hawkins

W.19709 (Widow: Sarah) Married Sarah Horton on May 8, 1780, Goshen, NY. David died August 18, 1825.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this eighth day of January eighteen hundred and forty personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for Orange County Sarah Hawkins a resident of the town of Goshen in the County of orange aged seventy five 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 7, 1838, entitled, An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:

That she is the widow of David Hawkins who was a Sergeant in a company of years men raised in the county of Suffolk and State of New York where he resided when he enlisted by Capt. Danill [sic] Griffin.

She further declares that she has been informed and believes that in the month of April 1776 her said husband David Hawkins enlisted as a Sergeant in the company commanded by Capt. Daniel Griffin for the term of one year at a place called Middle Island belonging to Long Island at which place the said company rendezvoused and went to a place called Shelter Island where the said company remained until after the battle of Long Island when the said company left the Island and went by watter [water] to New haven in the State of Connecticut when the said company remained stationed until about the [?] twentieth of November of the said year when he said husband David Hawkins enlisted in a company commanded by Captains Titus and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston for during the war.

In the service under Capt. Griffin her said husband David Hawkins swerved at least seven months and a half as a Sergeant but she is not able to state what Colonel commanded but thinks it was either Col. Clinton or VanCortland.

She further declares that as she has been informed and believes that after the enlistment of the said David Hawkins into the company of Capt. Yates he served as a serjeant and that after the enlistment of the said company they marched to Fishkill in the State of New York where they remained during the winter and remained at Fishkill until March 1777 when the said company was ordered to Peekskill where the said company remained until the latter part of the summer of the said year when they were ordered back to Fishkill from Fishkill the said company was conveyed by boats to Albany from Albany we marched to the north until they met the British army under Gen. Burgoyne and that the said company was in the action when the British were defeated and that her said husband David Hawkins was wounded by a musket ball in the knee in the said action of which said wound her husband was ever afterwards a cripple.

She further declares that her husband remained with his company after he was wounded until the first of December following when on account of his being unable

from the wound he had received to [do] duty he obtained a discharge or furlough for six months.

She further declares that as she has been informed and believes that on account of his lameness occasioned by the wound received at the taking of Burgoyne continuing and not being fit for duty her said husband hired a substitute to take his place and serve out his time in Capt. Tituses company and gave the substitute all equipments necessary to join the army together with some money but is not able to state how much nor is she able to tell the man's name and she further state[s] that Major Moses Phillips went with the substitute and return him to Capt. Tituses company and she has always understood and believes that the said substitute was received in the place of her said husband David Hawkins.

That she has no evidence of her said husband's services but that which is now provided. She further declares that she was married to the said David Hawkins by Nathan Kerr Pastor of the Persbetterian [Presbyterian] in Goshen on the eighth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty that her name before marriage was Sarah Horton and that the said David Hawkins died on the eighth day of August eighteen hundred and twenty five.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the army but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. That from old age and feebleness of body she is unable to attend court. (Signed) Sarah Hawkins

Subscribed before me the day and year above written. H. W. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com. Pleas.