

Pension Application for Nathan Herrick

R.4923 (Widow: Priscilla) Married November 17, 1791. Nathan Herrick died February 16, 1840.

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On the 15th day of August 1851 before the Hon. David McMaster County Judge of the said County and Judge of the County Courts of said county the same being a court of record having the power of fine & imprisonment & original jurisdiction to the amount of five hundred dollars & a clerk & seal personally appeared Priscilla Herrick a resident of said county aged seventy eight years & upwards who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Nathan Herrick late of the town of Wayne in said County deceased; that the said Nathan Herrick was engaged in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in a company commanded by Capt. Stephen White & Lieut John Thornton under the order & command of Col. Marinus Willett.

That he entered the service as aforesaid at "Warrens bush" as it was then called in the now town of Florida in the County of Montgomery N.Y. for the term of nine months, in the company aforesaid on or about the 1st of March 1781 & immediately commenced the building of a fort in the said town of Florida which was completed late in the month of April & the said company & the said Nathan Herrick as one of its members remained in garrison at the said fort until about the first of December 1781 when the garrison was dismissed & the fort evacuated—having thus rendered nine months service according to his enlistment. For the proof of his service she refers to the papers hereto annexed.—

She further declares that she was married to said Nathan Herrick, at the residence of her father, Elijah Herrick (they being cousins) in the town of Duanesburgh Schenectady County NY on the 17th of November 1791 (seventeen hundred ninety one) by the Rev. Mr. Mudge a clergyman of the Presbyterian order. That she was not married to him previous to his military service above mentioned but before the first day of January seventeen hundred ninety four to wit at the time above stated.

That she continued to reside with her husband the said Nathan Herrick in the said County of Schenectady until about the year 1815 when they removed to Steuben County NY. That her husband the said Nathan Herrick died in the town of Wayne in the said County of Steuben on or about the 16th day of February 1840.

And that she still remains a widow.

She makes this declaration in order to obtain a pension under the various acts of Congress granting pensions to widows of Revolutionary soldiers & hereby renounces all other claim to pension.

For proof of her marriage she refers to the papers & record annexed. (Signed with her mark) Priscilla Herrick

Sworn before me 15th August 1837. D. McMaster County Judge, first Judge of the County Courts of Steuben County NY.