

Pension Application for Benjamin Herring

W.23257 (Widow: Catharine) Married January 8, 1789. Benjamin died May 21, 1808. B.L.Wt.991-150. Ensign Issued July 16, 1790 to Wm. Vreedenburgh, assignee name recorded as Herrin. No papers.

State of New Yorke [sic]

City and County of New Yorke SS.

On this twenty eighth day of December A.D. 1838 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County and State aforesaid, Catharine Herring, resident of said city aged about sixty nine years, who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on her solemn affirmation, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed July 8th 1838, "Entitled an act for the half pay and pension of certain widows".

That she is the widow of Benjamin Herring deceased, who was an Ensign in the First Regiment of the New York Line, during the Revolutionary War, and afterwards was promoted to Lieutenant, affirmant further states, that she was married to the said Lieutenant Benjamin Herring on the Fifth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty nine, by which it will more fully appear by reference to her certificate of Marriage hereto annexed. And that she has remained his widow ever since the period of her husband's death, which took place, on the twenty first of May A.D. 1808, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

And she further declares that she makes this declaration before me a Judge of the said Court on account of her inability to appear in court, and I the said Judge to hereby certify that the said affirmant is unable to appear in open court on account of her bodily infirmity, she being blind. (Signed with her mark)

Affirmed and subscribed before me. R. Smith, Alderman of the 5 Ward and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas].