

Pension Application for John Kennedy

W.15839 (Widow: Hannah) John died in Broadalbin June 10, 1831, age 83. Hannah died at Gaines in the County of Orleans on May 3, 1846, aged 91 years & 27 days at the house of her daughter Sally Spencer.

The Genealogy of John Kennedy's Family 1810.

Births

John Kennedy was born at the town of Belleston County Down Ireland April 20th AD 1749.

Hannah Olmsted the wife of Jonhn [sic] Kennedy was born at Hichfield Con. May 6th AD 1755.

Lydia Kennedy was born August 28th 1779.

Ridgs Kennedy was born September 8th 1781.

Chloey Kennedy was born April 24th 1783.

Alanson Kennedy was born August 26th 1786.

Hannah Kennedy was born August 22d 1788.

Sarah Kennedy was born April 4th 1790. Married Christopher Spencer.

John Kennedy Jun. was born May 17th 1792.

Abigail Kennedy was born November 7th 1794. Married Frederick Mills.

Lymon Kennedy was born October [?] 1797.

Polly Kennedy was born December 24th 1803.

Emely Mills was born August 31st 1815 the daughter of Abigail Mills

Sarah Matilda Spencer daughter of Christopher & Sarah Spence (the daughter of John Kennedy deceased) was born at Broadalbin Montgomery County (now Fulton) March 3rd AD 1814.

Deaths

Poly Kennedy departed this life 16th of February in the year of our Lord 1823 at 8 oclock PM, aged 19 years 1 month 23 days, in Broadalbin.

Ridgs Kennedy departed this life November 10th 1781 aged 2 months 2 days, Town Richmond Massachusetts.

Hannah Kennedy departed this life April 8th 1789, aged 7 months 17 days town Milton Saratoga.

Lymon Kennedy departed this life in the town of Murry New Castle [?] July 26, 1833, in the 36 year of age.

Alanson Kennedy departed this life October the 27 1840 in the town of Yates Orleans Co. NY.

Electra Kennedy departed this life Sept 5th 1839 in Yates, Orleans Co. NY.

Ephraim Potter dep'd this life March the 19, 1843, in Ellisburgh Jefferson Co. NY.

Lydia Potter departed this life May the 8th 1843, aged 63 years 3 months & 16 days in Ellisburgh Jefferson Co., NY.

State of New York

County of Jefferson SS.

On this 2d day of April 1852 before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Kennedy a resident of the town of LeRoy in the County and State aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to alw deposes and says that he is sixty years old the 7th of May next and is the son of John Kennedy who was a private in the war of the Revolution in the New York Line and enlisted for and served during the war in captain Wrights Company 2 New York Regiment commanded by Col. Philip VanCortland for which service he received Lot no 84 in Manlius New York containing 600 acres.

He has seen the Patent for this Land often and he has often heard his father describe his service but the names of his officers as above stated are upon information.

He further says that according to the family history and according to the record now in the possession of his sister Sarah spencer of Gaines, Orleans County, New York, his father the said John Kennedy was born in Kellerson County of Down in Ireland the 14th of April 1749 [this varies from the records in the family bible], and died in Broadalbin Montgomery County New York on the 10th day of June 1831.

That on the 16th of November 1778 he married Hannah Olmstead whom he left a widow at his death & who remained his widow without intermarriage the remainder of her life and died in the town of Gaines in the County of Orleans New York on the 3d day of May 1846. She was born in Ridgefield Connecticut as he believes on the 6th day of May 1753. Their eldest child Rids Kennedy was born in 1781. Chloe the second in 1783, Alanson the third in 1786, Hannah the fourth in 1788, Sarah the fifth in 1790 & John the sixth (this deponent) in 1792, Abigail the seventh in 1794, Lyman the eight in 1797 and Polly the youngest in 1803.

This deponent does not know where his father & mother were married but supposes it was Burnt Hills or Ballston. There was a family record kept and his sister Sarah Spencer now has it as he supposes. His father lived at the Burnt Hills in Ballstown New York during the Revolution. Since the remembrance of this declarant his father sent to Ireland and obtained the register of his birth.

He further deposes and says that his father the said John Kennedy died at Broadalbin June 10th 1831 that soon thereafter this deponent went there and that on that occasion he found a copy of the family register made according to his present impression by his father & in his handwriting except the name of his sister Polly Kennedy which appears to be in a different handwriting. This paper has been carried in the Pocket book of this declarant ever since & is very much worn the top being entirely gone. It contains [?] the names & dates of the births of all the children of the said John Kennedy & Hannah Kennedy now both deceased. To identify said paper this deponent has written his name thereon—

This deponent further says that the only surviving children of the said John Kennedy and the said Hannah Kennedy both deceased are this deponent whose name is John Kennedy and Sarah Spencer a resident of Gains Orleans County New York widow of Christopher Spencer and Abigail Mills widow of Frederick Mills who resides in Mills (now Fulton County) New York.

This deponent further deposes and declares that the object of this declaration is to obtain for himself Sarah Spencer and Abigail Mills only surviving children of John Kennedy and Hannah Kennedy the pension which the said John Kennedy was entitled to at his death under the act of 15th May 1828 from the 3d day of March 1826 to the 10th day of June 1831 and the amount of Pension his mother was entitled to under the 3 section of Act of 4th July 1836 from said 10th day of June 1831 to the 3rd day of May 1846 & for this purpose this declarant has appointed Adriel Ely of Watertown New York his attorney to present the aforesaid claim & obtain certificate or certificates therefor o& do all & carry out measures to be done with power of substitution hereby confirming & ratifying all that this his attorney may of right do. (Signed) John Kennedy

Sworn to subscribed & acknowledge before me this 2d day of April 1832 & I certify said deponent is a man of respectability & truth. Lovinus H. Overton, Justice of the Peace