

### **Pension Application for Caleb Knapp**

W.21368 (Martha Holland, former widow) Married to Martha Holley on November 12, 1784, Goshen, Orange County. Caleb died June 12, 1795 in Warwick, NY. She married William Holland November 29, 1817. Holland died September 23, 1837.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this sixteenth day of June 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for the County of orange being a Court of record Martha Holland formerly Martha Knapp a resident of the town of Newburgh County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy seven years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1838 and August 1842 entitled act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows.

That she was formerly the widow of Caleb Knapp and is now the widow of William Holland and that she now claims a Pension for the services of her first husband Caleb Knapp in the Revolutionary War who was a Private in the New York line and belonged to the service Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. VanCourtland.

That as she has been informed and has always understood and believes her said husband Caleb Knapp enlisted early in the spring of 1777 into a company of Infantry under Captain Pelton in the second Regiment of New York infantry and served under the said Captain Pelton and Capt. Hollet in said Regiment until the end of the war.

That previous to his enlisting her said husband lived in the town of Goshen County of Orange and State of New York. That she has been informed by her said husband that he was in the battle at the taking of Burgoyne that he went into the Indian Country with General Sullivan and served in that campaign in 1779 was under Gen. Washington at the Battle of Monmouth 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1778 was at the Battle of Trenton wintred [wintered] one winter at Valley Forge one winter at [Pluekamin?] and the winter of 1782 he was quartered in Pompton and the last winter that he served he was quartered somewhere in the County of Orange he was at the battle of Brandywine and several other places which she does not remember.

She further says that the said Caleb Knapp was at Yorktown at the taking of Cornwallis. That her said husband served until the end of the war and was discharged at New Windsor in June 1783 is not sure but he might have been discharged at West Point. That her said husband had a regular discharge and kept it for some time after he was married but she cannot now tell what has become of it. That he kept a Journal of the whole time that he served with an account of the country that he passed through and the Battles that he was in which this declarant kept for many years after his death but which is now lost and cannot be found.

That her said husband Caleb Knapp drew from the State of New York a lot of land which he sold after he was married to James Miller who acted as agent for William Thompson;

That she has no record evidence of her said husbands services in her possession nor does she know of any but acts upon the evidence that may be produced to sustain her claim.

That she was married to the said Caleb Knapp on the twenty third day of November Seventeen hundred and eighty four at her father's house in the town of Goshen County of orange and State of New York by the Reverend Amzy Lewis a Presbyterian Clergyman then officiating in the Congregation at [Horias?] in the town of Warwick County & State aforesaid. That her name before marriage was Martha Holly. That she was not married to the said Caleb Knapp previous to his last term of service but was married to him previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and ninety four. Viz, at the time before stated. That her said husband Caleb Knapp died on the twelfth day of June Seventeen Hundred and Ninety five in the town of Warwick County and State aforesaid.

That she was afterward married to William Holland on the twenty ninth day of November 1817 by the Rev. John I. [Cirestie?] Pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation in Warwick County and State aforesaid.

That her second husband William Holland died the 23d day of September 1839 in the town of New burgh in the aforesaid County and that she is now a widow and has remained a widow since the death of the said William Holland.

She further declares that the accompanying record of her husband Caleb Knapp and of his marriage and the record of her own age and the record of the births of Lois, Isaac Smith, James, Sarah, Mariah, Jesse Holley and Caleb Randall Knapp the children of Caleb and Martha Knapp is a record written twenty seven years ago by her son James Knapp and kept by herself ever since and is a true record of her marriage and the birth of her children.

She further says that she has no other evidence of her marriage nor does she know of any.

And further she saith not. (Signed with her mark) Martha Holland.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year before written by making her mark before me. Goldsmith Denniston first Judge of Orange County Courts.