

Pension Application for George M. Louis or Loues

W.20522 (Widow: Christina) Christian Young and George M. Louis married May 27, 1777. George died August 1814. Christina died February 11, 1837.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS

On this third day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty three before the undersigned Henry Sits of the town of Minden in the County of Montgomery aged eighty nine years the twenty ninth day of the present month who being first duly sworn does on his oath say that previous to & during the Revolutionary war he was well acquainted with George Louas, who before the said war resided at Freysbush near Fort Plain and this deponent resided at Col. Waggoners on the north side of the Mohawk River from Fort Plain.

That in the Early part of the war, and when Enlistments were making to fill up the army to go to Quebec under Genl Montgomery, this deponent was at Fall Hill or what is now called Little Falls there were several of the militia men there and Peter Yates came to enlist troops to go in the said expedition.

That the said George Louas, Nicholas Sits a cousin of this deponent. John Knouts, John Country man, and Peter Shefer then there enlisted into the service of the United States under the said Yates to go into the said Expedition, in the presence of this deponent. This was in the month of March about the first of the month.

That they afterwards proceeded with the company to go to Canada by way of Ticonderoga.—

That the said Enlistment was for one year and the said Louas remained absent from home in the said service one year—That previous thereto in the year 1775, Genl Schuyler came to Caughnawaga to the house of Douw Fonda and ordered all the Militia Regiments to assemble there. That this occurred about two weeks & then they were marched to Johnstown. That the said Louas was one of the number. That in the year 1777 the first week in April this deponent & the said Louas with others under Capt. John Bighead Lieut Warmuth went from Fort Plain to Fort Stanwix & were there in service until the last of May.

That afterwards in the same year about the first of August the said Louas was again in the service under Capt Hess this deponent went in the same company, that this expedition was to Fort Stanwix and before reaching the fort a severe engagement took place between the militia & the enemy [compo?] Indians Tories & in which battles genl Herkimer was mortally wounded that in this battle the said Louas and this deponent were near together in the said battle that Louas fired at the Enemy from behind a tree and as soon as he fired this deponent took his place and in firing burst his gun, that after the battle was over they returned to Fort Plain this Expedition lasted eight or nine days.

That this deponent recollects well also that afterwards the said Souas [sic] was in service in Captain Houses' Company and frequently saw him out on expeditions, but he cannot recollect the duration of any expedition in particular but recollects that the said Souas was always ready when any alarm was made on the Enemy in the

country, and was a brave man for the country. In the year 1780 in the summer the enemy destroyed the settlement west of Fort Plain and the said Lonas being burned out and having nothing left removed East below Albany.

That the said Louas was was [sic] married in the early part of the war to Christina Young, and they had one child when he was in the service at Fort Plain.

That the said Louas had been dead many years that he left the said Christian his widow who died a few years since.

That the said Louas was sometimes called George M. Louas. (Signed with his mark) Henry Sits

Subscribed & Sworn before me August 3, 1843. J. A. Rasbach in presence of Daniel Snyder Herkimer County SS.

I certify that J. A. Rasbach Esq before whom the foregoing affidavit was sworn was a Justice of the Peace of said County & duly qualified and that I am well acquainted with his hand writing & that his signature is genuine. Witness my hand & seal of said County Nov 3d, 1843. E. A. Munson, Clk