

Pension Application for Israel Luce

R.6510 (Widow: Apphia) Married November 23, 1809 or 1810, both dates shown, in Middleburg. Israel died January 31, 1817.

Letter in folder dated December 20, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the War of 1812 record of Israel, whose son was born in Montgomery County, New York, and in which you request also, information in regard to requirements for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A search of the War of 1812 records of this office has been made and no claim for pension found based upon service of an Israel Luce, under any spelling of that surname. The claim for pension has been found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of an Israel Luce who served from New York State. His record is furnished you herein, in the hope that it may aid you in your search.

Israel Luce married Apphia. She made two statements in regard to that marriage; that she married Israel Luck November 22, 1809, in Middleburg, Schoharie County, New York, and that her name before her marriage was Apphia Merchant; also that she married Israel Luce in the year 1810, in Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, and that her name before her marriage was Apphia Parker. She did not state the names of her parents, nor the date and place of her birth.

Israel Luce died January 31, 1817, in Berne, Albany County, New York; his age and the names of his parents are not shown.

Apphia Luce, the widow of Israel Luce applied April 26, 1856 for the pension which might have been due on account of his service in the Revolutionary War. At that time, she was a resident of Broome County, New York, aged eighty-one years. It was stated that Israel Luce served as substitute for his step-father, whose name is not given, that he enlisted as early as September 6, 1779, served as private under Captains Thaddeus Noble, Elijah Bostwick and John Davis, and Colonels Morris Graham and W. B. Whitney in the New York Militia, that he was sick while in service, that he had his clothes stolen in Schoharie County, New York, and traveled home on foot (sixty miles) and that he exchanged shots "from the land with the British on water near New York". The claim for pension was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension laws.

In 1859, the soldier's widow, Apphia Luce, resided in Conklin, Broome County, New York.

In 1859, Asa C. Luce, aged sixty-nine years, resided in Bridgewater, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; Philo C. Luce, aged fifty-nine years, resided in that same county. They stated that they were well acquainted with the soldier, Israel Luce, and that they had heard him talk about his service in the Revolutionary War, but did not state any relationship to the family.

In 1858, Enoch Watrous, was a resident of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, aged sixty-seven years; he stated then that he had been acquainted with Apphia, the above noted widow, since childhood. In 1856, one Phebe Watrous of Broome County, New York,

stated that she had been acquainted with both Israel Luce and his widow, Apphia. No relationship between these persons and the soldier's family was stated.

There are no further data in regard to the family of this soldier.

It is suggested that for information in regard to eligibility for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, you apply to the present of your nearest chapter.