

Pension Application for John Manhart

W.25672 (Widow: Rebecca) John died June 18, 1835.

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State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen before me the subscriber First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Steuben in the State of New York personally appeared John Manhart aged fifty seven years resident in the Town of Dannsville in the said County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late act of Congress, entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” that the said John Manhart on the 26th day of April 1777—in the County of Orange in the State of New York enlisted as a private soldier for the term of three years in the company commanded by Captain John Santford of the regiment commanded by Colonel William Malcom in Genl Conway’s Brigade—

That he continued to serve in said corps untill sometime in the Spring of 1779 when the said Regiment was transferred to the Jersey line and joined to the regiment commanded by Colonel Oliver Spencer.

That he Continued in service as aforesaid untill the 20th day of May 1780 when he received a written discharge signed by Lieut Col. Smith of said last mentioned regiment which discharge is lost and out of his power to produce.

That he was discharged as aforesaid near Elizabethtown in the State of New Jersey.

That he is in reduced circumstances and need the assistance of his country for support—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and yea aforesaid. Thos McBurney

Letter in file dated February 2, 1911, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 25th and received the 28th ultimo, you are advised that a careful search of the records fails to show that claims for Revolutionary War pension were ever filed on account of the services of Captain John Drake and Henry Lyons described by you, hence this Bureau has no data as to them.

In the claim of John Manhart, Wid. File No. 25,672, Rev. War, it is not stated that he married Martha Lyons. One Rebecca Manhart was allowed pension as widow of John Manhart on an application executed May 5, 1858, in Chemung County, New York, in which she alleged that her name before her marriage to said soldier was Rebecca Plimett and that she was married to him December 25, 1813, in Cohocton, Steuben County, New York, by a Justice of the Peace, but that she had no record of said marriage, and there was no living witness to the same.

On July 14, 1859 she surrendered her pension, stating she was the wife of Henry R. French to whom she had been married since April 14, 1840.