

Pension Application for John Mattoon

W.16339 (Widow: Chloe)

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd Section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this sixth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Genesee, Chloe appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Genesee, Chloe Mattoon a resident of the town of Darien in the said County of Genesee and State aforesaid, aged eighty eight years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Mattoon, who was an Orderly Sergeant in the army in the Revolutionary War –That her husband sometime in the month of May in the year 1775 enlisted at Spencertown in the State of New York in the army to serve until the 15th January 1776.

That he served in the Regiment commanded by Col. VanNess, of Claverick, was his Captain was Joel Pratt, from Spencertown.

That at the time of the expiration of his service, his company was stationed at St. Johns, and on account of the weather, the lake not being navigable or frozen over to permit crossing upon the ice, her husband was obliged to re-enlist and did serve until the first April 1776. That this Deponent learned the above particulars from her husband and are the principal part of what she can recollect.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Mattoon on the 24th day of April in the year 1770—

That her name before her marriage was Chloe Townsend. That she was born on the 30th day of May 1749 in Hebron in the Society of Gilead, Ct. and was married there by the Rev. Elijah Lathrop. That her husband at the time of their marriage and previous thereto among his neighbors was usually called Toon and she believes that many supposed that was his real name, but she says and declares that after they removed to Spencertown which was about three years after they were married, her husband always went by his right name.

And she further declares that her husband, the aforesaid John Mattoon, died on the 7th December 1812 at the town of Locke in the County of Cayuga and State of New York.

That she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed) Chloe Mattoon

Sworn and subscribed in open court on the 6th February 1838. H. M. Soper, Clerk of Genesee County.