

Pension Application for Edward McCollum

R.4155 (Hannah Gouge, former widow) Married in 1771. Edward died about 5 years after the close of the war. Edward enlisted as sergeant in about 1775. Hannah's second husband died about 1800. There is a later deposition states she is 106 years old and the oldest person in the state.

Declaration of Hannah Gouge in order to obtain the benefits of the third section of the Act of 4th July 1836, and of the first section of the act of 3d March 1837.
State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twentieth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before William Inglis, Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the City and County of New York Hannah Gouge, la resident of the City County and State of New York, aged one hundred and four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to the best of her recollection in the year 1771 to Edward McCullom, that the deposition of Car. F. E. Stohlmann contains as deponent verily believes, a true copy of the registry of the marriage of this deponent with said McCollom, and she further says that she is the person designated by the name of Hannah Jones in said registry, and that her maiden name was Jones, and that she was the lawful wife of Edward Mcollum named in said registry that prior to the commencement of the revolutionary war, deponent and her said husband resided in the City of New York, that to the best of deponents recollection her said husband, enlisted about the year 1774 in a company of soldiers, and as deponent believes of the militia, or the State of New York called Foresters, that her said husband was a corporal in that company that the name of the captain of said was Melinshaw, and that the name of the Colonel commanding the regiment to which said company belonged was Lasher, that he husband id soldiers duty with said company, and was engaged and assisting in building the fortifications on the island of New York, until a short time before the Battle of Long Island, that her husband's company went to Long Island a few days before the Battle, but her husband was left behind in the City of New York in consequence of his being very sick; that her husband being too sick to accompany his regiment, he remained in the City, after the return of the army from Long Island, and after the departure of it to White Plains, that when the British came down to the City after the battle of White Plains, her husband was seized and put in a prison in the city, called the Provost, that this deponent went daily to see her husband, and carried water and provisions to her husband and others of his countryman who were imprisoned with him, that he suffered under severe illness in consequence of his confinement, and at last had both of his feet frozen so badly as to render him a cripple for a long time, and compelled him to walk on crutches, that after his feet were frozen, the intercession of some tories who had known him, procured a mitigation of his punishment, and he was allowed to go out of prison; that he

remained in the city, and was In the habit of carrying food to the prisoners confined in the Provost, the Sugar House and other places of confinement for American prisoners during the war, that he said husband remained in this city until the close of the war and died about five years afterward.

She further declares, that she was married to the said McCullom, to the best of her recollection, on the twenty seventh day of August in twenty seventh day of August in the year seventeen hundred and seventy one, that her husband the aforesaid Edward McCullom died about five years after the close of the revolutionary war, that she was afterwards married to Joseph Gouge, who died about thirty years ago, that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836 and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed and deponent further saith that she has not, and does not know of the existence of any documentary evidence in support of this claim, and she also saith that by reason of old age and the consequence loss of memory, she cannot swear with greater precision as to the matters herein before referred to than she has done herein. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Gouge

Sworn to and signed the day and year aforesaid before me. Wm. Inglis
associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the City & County of New York.