

### **Pension Application for James McFarland**

W.20245 (Widow: Margaret) Married March 1785. James died August 1815.

Declaration of Margaret McFarland. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows."

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty five, before me John McLean First Judge of the County Courts of the said County of Washington, personally appeared Margaret McFarland a resident of the town of Salem in the said County of Washington, aged eighty two years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows"; That is to say that she is the widow of James McFarland who was a private or Corporal in the War of the Revolution as she is informed and believes & that he served as such at various times in the Militia of the said State of New York during the continuance of said war:

That such service, as she is thus informed, and believes, was rendered in part, in Captain Edward Longs Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Webster, in part in the company of Captain Thomas Armstrong, and in part in Captain John Armstrong's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Williams & afterwards by Colonel Alexander Webster—but at what particular times he entered or left said service, she is unable to state, nor is she enabled to state the length of time of the various periods of such service but as she is informed & believes such service in the aggregate amounted to about one year.

That the said James McFarland when said service was rendered, resided in the said town of Salem; that in the rendition of said service he, at various times, marched to Skeensborough, now Whitehall, to Fort Ann to Fort Edward in the said county to Lake George and to Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain.

That she has no documentary evidence in support of such service further than the certificate of the controller of the State of New York, which is to this declaration attached.

She further saith that according to the best of her recollection and belief she was married to the said James McFarland in the spring & she thinks in the month of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six; and that her said husband, the aforesaid James McFarland died in the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

She further saith that ether is no record of her said marriage to here knowledge and that she has remained a widow since the death of her said husband. (Signed with her mark) Margaret McFarland

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me. John  
McLean First Judge Wash. Co. Courts.