

Pension Application for William Moore

W.15788 (Widow: Elizabeth) William married Elizabeth Howell June 23, 1782. William died January 28, 1837. Elizabeth died February 26, 1842.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this seventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight before the undersigned a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Orange & State aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Moore aged seventy six years on the eighth day of May last 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 7, 1838 entitled “an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows”.

That she is the widow of William Moore late of the town of Walkill [Wallkill] in said County of Orange who was a private soldier in the army of the revolution & served therein as a private as she has been informed & verily believes as follows.

That in the fall of the year 1775 her said husband enlisted into a company of Minute men raised in said county of which William Jackson was Captain, Arthur Parks Lieutenant & James McBride second lieutenant for the term of four months & served in said company the aforesaid term of four months in said county of Orange & along the Hudson river that this service was done in the regiment commanded by Col. Clinton & James McLaughry Lieutenant Colonel & for proof of this service she refers to the roll of Captain Jackson now on file in the Pension office.

That in the latter part of June on the first part of the month of July in the year 1776 her said husband again enlisted into a company of Militia of said state of which John Wood, was the Captain in a regiment under the command of Col. Isaac Nicholas for the term of five months & served therein as a private at Fort Independence & along the Hudson river until the first of January in the year 1777, when he was discharged having served near six months in said company & for proof of this service she refers to the affidavits hereto annexed.

That in the month of April in the year 1777 her said husband again entered the service aforesaid as a private and was what was then called a relief in a company of reliefs then under the command of Captain William Faulkner in Col. McLaughrey & regiment and served therein eleven days & at Fort Clinton that at the time her said husband entered said service the belonged to Captain Vail’s Company in said County.

That her said husband in the latter part of the summer or fall of the year last aforesaid entered the service for the term of three months as a private & served said term at Forts Montgomery & Clinton in a company of Militia of which John Wood was Captain in Col. McLaughry’s regiment & for proof of this service she refers to the affidavits hereto annexed.

That she has been informed & also believes her said husband was often called out in said service on alarms & for short periods of service during the years 1778, 1779 & 1780 under Captain Vail Burns, McBride & other captains that such services were done on the western frontiers of the counties of orange & Ulster & along the

Hudson river, but the alarms were so frequent & under so many different officers & from old age and loss of memory she us unable to state particularly the time or length of service of said tours, but refers to the records of the Pension office for proof thereof.

That in the latter part of the month of July in the year 1781 her said husband again entered the service of the United States in what was called a company of New Levies raised partly from said County of orange of which company Henry Brewster was captain & in a regiment commanded by Col. Weisenfeldt & served therein as a private on what was called the northern frontiers for the term of four months & was discharged in the latter part of November in the year last aforesaid.

That she further states that she was married to the said William Moore on the twenty third day of June in the year 1783 by the Rev. Nathan Carr a minister of the Presbyterian Church of said County. That her name before marriage was Elizabeth Howell. That she has no documentary evidence of her said husband's services. That her said husband died on or about the twenty eighth of January in the year year [sic 1837, and that he was for many years, before his death by reason of mental infirmity incapable of making a declaration to obtain a pension under the act of 1832.

And that she was remained a widow ever since the death of the said William Moore that she was not married to him prior to the time of his leaving his service but before the first day of January in the year 1794, to wit, at the time before stated, and that from old age & bodily infirmity he is unable to attend the sitting of the court of record of said county. (Signed Elizabeth Moore)

Sworn & subscribed before me this 7th day of September 1838, Robert Denniston Judge of orange County Courts.