

Pension Application for William C. Rhoades

W.19855 (Mercy Marsh, Former Widow) Mary Niles and William Rhodes were married March 1781. William died November 21, 1809. Her second husband, Nathaniel March, died about 1827.

Wm. Rhoades born May [?]

Mercy Rhoades born March 11, 1755

Susanna Rhoades born June 12, 1783

Nahum Rhoades born Sept. 16, 1785

Katharine Rhoades born [March?] 10, 1789

Wm Rhoades Jr. born July 18, 1791

Justis Rhoades born August 8, 1793

Joseph Rhoades born April 19, 1795

Zilpha Rhoades born August 24, 1799

Mabel Rhoades born March 16, 1802

Polly Rhoades born August 26, 1804

Father Rhoades died November the 21, 1809 at one oclock in the morning

In the year Jun [?] died Nahum Rhoades February 19, 1815 age 29 years 5 months & 3 days.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of congress of the 7th of July 1838 and the 23d of August 1842.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty two personally appeared before me Edward Rogers first Judge of the country courts of said county Mary Marsh a resident of the Town of Hamilton in said County of Madison aged seventy eight years the fourteenth day of March 1842 who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, and the 23d of August 1842 granting pension to widows of persons who serve during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of William C. Rhoades who was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. That before she the said Mercy was married to the said William C. Rhoades who lived in Chesterfield and [?] of the town in the Town of Worthington in the State of Massachusetts but at the time of their marriage he resided in Middlefield which was set off from the Town of Worthington aforesaid.

That she was knowing to the said William C. Rhoades being in the army as a soldier for several years previous to their marriage. She knew him to go away as a soldier and return on a furlough after they were engaged to be married that when he came home he know the [?] or a [?].

That she is not capable of saying in what company regiment or division of the army he served or division of the army he served or the names of the officers under whom he served. That when he left the army he brought home with him a discharge in writing which is here with submitted and which has remained in his and her

possession from then until the present time which is dated Newburgh December 26th 1781 and signed Stephen Clapp, Captain of Artificers. That the deponent recollects that there was a Colonel Mack and a Colonel Shepard who resided during the Revolutionary War in the County of Hampshire in which the towns of Worthington's Chesterfield and Middlefield were situate and that it is her impression that the said William C. Rhoades served under and or both of said officers, but that he served under either. She is not positive.

She also declares that she was married to the said William C. Rhoades on the sixth day of March in the year 1782. That they were married in the Town of Williamsburgh by a [Trust?] whose name she does ;not recollect who was a stranger to her and they went out of town to be married, and that she has no knowledge of a record of her marriage having been made.

She recollects that her brother Nathan Niles who was there [?] was present when she was married who that a man by the name of Josiah Litchfield who is supposed to live in Ohio and also a man by the names of Reed whose given name is not recollected were also present at her marriage.

That her husband the above said William C. Rhoads died on the 32st day of November 1809 in the Town of Haverstraw aforesaid. 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. That after her marriage to the said William C. Rhoads they lived in the Town of Middlefield aforesaid until the year seventeen hundred ninety five when they moved to Hamilton aforesaid where they lived until his death.

She further declares that after the death of her husband aforesaid she was married to Nathaniel Marsh in the month of March 1810, the day of the month she don't recollect. That he died on the 20th day of March 1827 and that she is still a widow. (Signed with his mark) Mercy Marsh

In presence of Wm. Rhoades.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me.
Edward Rogers first Judge of Madison County Courts.