

Pension Application for Robert Simpson

W.17000 (Mary Fuller, former widow. Second Husband: Josiah Fuller)

Private, Capt. King, Col. VanRenselaer. Robert was captured, taken to Canada, he died in imprisonment after being a captive 18 months.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836, entitled "An act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this fifth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared before Nicholas B. Doe one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Saratoga aforesaid, Mary Fuller a resident of the Town of Northumberland in the County of Saratoga, and State of New York, aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Josiah Fuller late of the town of Northumberland in said State of New York who departed this life on the fourteenth day of November 1840. That her husband the said Josiah Fuller was her second husband, she having previously been the wife of Robert Simpson for whose services & imprisonment in the war of the Revolution she now solicits a pension. That her first husband the said Robert Simpson was a soldier of the United States during said war & that he entered the service from New Concord, Albany (now Columbia County) N.Y. where he then resided. That his service after marriage was as follows. In the fall of the year 1779 he enlisted & served for a period of four months. He left home the first of September in said year & went down the North River, but the place of his service or the officers under whom he served declarant cannot now [say] owing to old age & loss of memory, relate, in the month of July 1780 he again enlisted under Captain Sherwood under whom he served for a period of two months and upwards at Fort Ann when he in company with Benjamin Fuller, Charles Robinson, Samuel Dunham & others all in the fort was taken prisoners by the enemy and taken a captive to Canada from whence he never lived to return but died in imprisonment, after having remained in captivity for eighteen months.

And declarant further saith that she was married to the said Robert Simpson on the Seventeenth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy nine by Eqr Beebe J.P. at New Concord aforesaid that the following persons were present at her marriage, to wit: Dudley Adams & wife, Samuel Doe & wife, Joseph, Timothy & Bridget Lord, & Sarah Lord but she does not know that any of them are living.

That previous to her said marriage she resided in the town of New Concord and bore the maiden name of Mary Lord.

That her husband the said Robert Simpson died as aforesaid while in captivity in Canada near the close of the war but the precise day and month of his death declarant is not able to testify. (Signed with her mark) Mary Fuller

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid, before me. N. B. Doe, Judge of said Co'y Court.