

**Pension Application for Nathan Tellotson or Tillotson**

R.10606 (Widow: Phoebe)

State of New York

Monroe County SS.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1839 personally appeared before me Ashley Sampson Esqr first Judge of the Monroe County Courts Phoebe Tellotson of the town of Pittsford in the said County of Monroe & State of New York aged seventy eight years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Nathan Tellotson to whom she was married in the month of December some five or six months after the Declaration of Independence. She cannot recollect the year independence of other circumstances [sic]

She knows this fact that she was between fifteen & sixteen years of age only. She was married in the town of SmithTown on Long Island in the State of New York by Joshua Hart a clergyman—her father & mother and others were present at her wedding but they are dead & she does not know that there is a person living that was present at her marriage. She has no documentary evidence of her said marriage.

That in about two years after their marriage as aforesaid, the year she cannot give with more certainty her said husband at the said Town of Smithtown enlisted into the service of the Revolutionary War as a private for the period of two years. She cannot tell the names of any of the officers of his company except the first Sergeant whose name was Jesse Rayner, nor can she state what regiment he was attached to or the officers thereof.

Immediately upon his enlisting whist was in the Spring, he marched to a place called Sataucit [Setauket Conn?] about nineteen or twenty miles from Smithtown, to the east thereof the object was to guard a fort at that place. Her said husband remained at this fort for sometime, but how long she is unable to say, but should think about a year, when he was ordered to the west end of the Island to guard New York & was there when the fort at that place was taken or given up to the British—her said husband he informed this declarant that he made by escape by swimming the river. He continued in the revolutionary service his term for which he enlisted as aforesaid—

This declarant does not know where he was discharged nor the year—she has no documentary evidence of his service nor does she know of any person who could prove said service—her brother John West was in the service at the same time & has been placed on the Pension roll for said services but he is now dead.

Her said husband died forty seven years ago in the Town of Salem in the County of Washington State of New York. That she still remaining the widow of her said husband never having intermarried since his death. (Signed with her mark)  
Phoebe Tellotson

Sworn to this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1839 before me. Ashley Sampson, First Judge of Monroe County Courts.