

Pension Application for Timothy Tilson

W.22430 (W.22430) Widow: Sarah. Sarah Mills and Timothy Tilson married June 4, 1789. He died January 18, 1819.

Family Register

Phebe Tilson was born March 29th 1791.

Anne Tilson was born February 7th 1793.

Patience Tilson was born October 24th 1794.

Marcy Tilson was born September 12th 1796.

Elizabeth Tilson was born July 18th 1799.

Silence Tilson was born July 20th 1801.

Deborah Tilson was born June 20th 1806.

Job Tilson was born Augt 6th 1808.

David A. Tilson was born June 4th 1812.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled an act of granting half pay and pension to certain widows.

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this ninth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me Abraham A. Deyo one of the Judges of the County Court of the County of Ulster aforesaid Sarah Tilson a resident of the town of Plattekill, County of Ulster, and State of New York aged seventy four years 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 7th 1838 entitled and act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Timothy Tilson who in the revolutionary war resided in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

That according to the best of her recollection she has often heard her husband the said Timothy Tilson, say that he had been a soldier in the revolutionary war in several different tours which she believes would in all amount to fifteen or sixteen months as a private soldier.

The first she believes he was drafted in the Militia and was stationed on the Hudson River at a place called Fishkill for the term of about two months.

The second she believes he volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Henry Pawling and was stationed as a guard for the defence of the frontier of Ulster County for the term of four or five months.

That he afterwards volunteered in a company whose Captains name she believes was Livingston and was also stationed on the frontier of Ulster County for the term as she now believes of Seven or Eight months which she now believes was near the close of the revolutionary war, which is all the service she can at present remember of her husband the said Timothy Tilson during the revolutionary war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Timothy Tilson the fourth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine that the

ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Goethes Clergyman of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in the town of Newpaltz in said County of Ulster.

That her maiden name previous to her marriage was Sarah Mills.

And that her husband the aforesaid Timothy Tilson died the eighteenth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen in said County of Ulster.

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

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence nor knows of any living witness to prove any of her foregoing statements except her husband[‘s] brother Job Tilson who was present at the time she was married.

She further declares that he annexed record of the birth of her children was written by the direction of her husband the aforesaid Timothy Tilson deceased and which is a true record of her children.

She further declares that ever since the death of her husband the aforesaid Timothy Tilson she has remained a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed) Sarah Tilson

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me. And I further certify that from bodily infirmity said applicant is unable to attend court. And that I am personally acquainted with her and that she is a respectable citizen & her statement entitled to full credit and her mental faculties are good. Abm A. Deyo one of the Judges of the Ulster County Courts.