

Pension Application for Robert Troup

W.16450 (Widow: Jennet) Married February 18, 1787, her maiden name was Jennet Goelet. He died January 14, 1832.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York

County of New York SS

On this seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before me—Judah Hammond—one of the Judges of the Marine Court in and for the City and County of New York Jennet Troup a resident of the City of New York in said County of New York aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his 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 "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"—

That she is the Widow of Robert Troup who was an officer in the war of the Revolution.

That she has been informed and believes that said Robert Troup first entered the service of the United States in the early part of said war as a Lieutenant in a Corps of [?]

That he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Long Island and confined many months in one of the prison ships. That when exchanged he was transferred to the Military family of General Gates and served as his aid with the rank of Major until after the capture of Burgoyne at Stillwater.

That by an Act of Congress passed October 4th 1777, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in consideration of his merit and gallantry. That he was subsequently appointed Secretary to the Boards of Treasury in which capacity he acted until its dissolution.

That she was married to the said Robert Troup, as hereinafter set forth in the City of New York by the Reverend Doctor Benjamin Moore, Pastor of the Protestant Episcopal Church in said city.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Trout on the Eighteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and that her maiden name was Jennet Goelet. That her Husband the said Robert Troup died on the fourteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and that since his death she has remained his widow single and unmarried, and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January one thousand and seven hundred and ninety four to wit at the time above stated. (Signed) Jennet Troup

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me. Judah Hammond Justice of the Marine Court. Oct 7, 1839.

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James McMaster and Robert Troup, soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Their histories are given below:

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.23315, based upon the military service of James Master or McMasters in that war.

James McMaster resided in Orange County, New York, during the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in July, 1777, and served as a private in Captain William Faulkner's company, Colonel James McClaghry's New York Regiment; was at Fort Montgomery on October 6, 1777, when that fort was attacked and captured by the British in which action he was severely wounded by a bayonet thrust in the right thigh about four inches above the knee, passing through the limb and materially injuring the muscles and joint. After the battle his company was dispersed. He enlisted May 5, 1778, and served until January 27, 1779, as a private in Captain Graham's Company, Second New York Regiment.

After the battle of Fort Montgomery, he resided in Wallkill, New York; in 1786, he was living in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, to which place he had moved about the close of the Revolution.

He was allowed pension from May 6, 1828, on account of disability resulting from the above named injury, at which time he resided in Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, where he had then resided for about fifteen years.

He died July 22, 1837, aged eighty years.

The soldier's wife was named Mary. Her maiden name, date of their marriage and date of her death are not shown, but it was stated that her death occurred prior to that of the soldier.

Four children are referred to:

Sarah DeWitte in 1846, a resident of Marbletown, New York, died about November, 1847.

David McMasters died November 14, 1847.

Eliza McMasters died January 20, 1848.

John McMasters

The last three children above named were all residing in Caroline, Tompkins County, New York, in 1846.

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The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.16450, based upon the military service of Robert Troup in that war.

Robert Troup entered the service on or before January 1, 1776, as lieutenant and subsequently, while holding that rank, was appointed aide-de camp to Brigadier General Woodhull and acted as such until after the battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776, where he was taken prisoner; was confined on board the prison ship, "Jersey", until the spring of 1777, when he was exchanged and shortly afterward was appointed aide-de-camp to Major General Gates, with the rank of major; he was present at the battle of Saratoga and afterward carried to Congress the General's report of the action

of September 18, and received the thanks of that body. By resolve of Congress, of date October 4, 1777, he was appointed lieutenant colonel; in May, 1778, he was appointed Deputy Adjutant General of the Army for the Northern Department; May 29, 1779, he was appointed secretary to the board of treasury which appointment he resigned February 8, 1780. It was stated that he was also secretary to the Board of War.

He died January 14, 1832. His age is not stated.

The soldier married February 18, 1787, in New York City, Jennet Goelet.

Pension was allowed soldier's widow, Jennet, on her application executed October 7, 1839, at which time she was aged seventy-eight years and resided in New York City.

She died January 31, 1840, leaving as her only surviving children, two daughters, Charlotte Brinkerhoff, of New York City, and Louisa Troup, whose residence was not stated. Their ages are not given.

There are no further data was to family.