

Pension Application for William Van Deusen

R.10852 (Widow: Rachel)

State of New York

Albany County SS

On this fifth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) Rachel Van Deusen, a resident of the City of Albany, aged seventy seven 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 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of William Van Deusen, who was a private in Col. Willett's regiment of the New York line, and in the Militia.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Van Deusen in the year that the expedition up the Mohawk river took place, when Col Butler, a British officer was killed—but she cannot recollect what year that was—nor can she recollect the month or day of the month on which she was married—she recollects however, that there was service on the ground at the time, and that her said husband was in the service after that time.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Van Deusen at the City of Schenectady, by the Rev'd Mr. Vrooman, minister of the Dutch Church in that place, and the ceremony was performed at his house—and that her name previous to her said marriage was Rachel Peterson.

She further declares that her husband the aforesaid William Van Deusen died in the month of June in the year 1830—and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She also states that she has never learned to write—and is illiterate. (Signed with her mark) Rachel Van Deusen

Sworn to & subscribed (by making her mark) in open court this 5th day of August 1837. J. B. Wasson, Clk