

Pension Application for John Wharry

W.25973 (Widow: Esther) Esther Miller married John Wharry September 25 1790. He died December 26, 1811.

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this twentyeth [twentieth] day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Ulster aforesaid personally appeared Esther Wharry a resident of the town of Shawangunk in said County of Ulster aged seventy one years on the sixth day of March last who being first duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 granting half pay & pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of John Wharry late of said county of Ulster deceased who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution and served as is hereinafter stated according to the best of her knowledge information & belief. That in the years 1776 & 1777 her said husband performed various tours of service in the militia of said county but she is unable to state under what officers or at what places or the length of said tours respectively, but must refer to the proof of such service hereto annexed.

That in the month of May in the year 1778 her said husband enlisted into a company of which Samuel T. Pell was Captain in the Second New York regiment commanded by Col. VanCortlandt for the term of nine months and served said term in the State of New Jersey & elsewhere as a private & was discharged in the month of February in the year 1779, having served out the full term of his enlistment in said company.

That on or about the first day of May in the year 1779 her said husband entered into the service of the United States in a company of levies of the State of New York of which William Faulkner was the captain in Col. Pawlings regiment of levies for the term of eight months & served said term as the first a sergeant of said company on the western frontiers of said state & was discharged at Stoney Point on the Hudson River on or about the first day of January in the year 1780 having served out the full term of eight months for which he had enlisted and for proof of this service she refers to the rolls of Captain Faulkner now on file in the pension office.

That in the year 1780 her said husband was also engaged in different tours of service on the western frontiers of said county of Ulster but she is unable to state the names of the officers under whom he served or the length of such tours of service.

That in the spring of the year 1781 her said husband entered the service of the United States in a company of levies of which James Pawling was Captain in Col. Weisenels regiment for the term of eight or nine months & served out said terms on the western frontiers of said county of Ulster as a sergeant.

That she has no documentary evidence of her said husbands services except an order for his pay for his services in Capt Pell's company in the year 1778 & 1779 which order was found among his old papers which order is hereto annexed and she further says that her said husband in the neighbourhood where he resided was among

his neighbours & acquaintances sometimes called Wherry & sometimes Worry, but that he always spelled & wrote his name Wharry.

That she was married to her said husband the said John Wharry on the twenty fifth day of September in the year 1790 by the Rev Wm Goetchins a minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of said County of Ulster.

That she has no record proof of her marriage with her said husband. That her name before marriage was Esther Miller and that her said husband died on the twenty sixth day of December in the year 1811, and that she now knows of no town county or church record of her said marriage.

That she was not married to her said husband previous to the time of his leaving the service but their marriage took place previous to the first day of January in the year 1791 to wit at that time aforesaid and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of her said husband the said John Wharry and that by reason of old age & bodily infirmity she is unable to attend the settings of the court of record of said county. (Signed) Esther Wharry

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year first above written before me. Abraham A. Deyo one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster.