

Pension Application for John Witbeck

W.18458 (Widow: Lena) Lena V'n Denbergh and John Witbeck married August 30, 1781. John died April 25, 1791.

State of New York SS.

County of Albany

On this first day of February [blot] personally appeared before Jacob Lansing Judge of the Albany County Courts, Lena Witeck, whose maiden name was Lena V'Denbergh a resident of the town of Watervliet in the county of Albany and State of New York, 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 John Witbeck who was a private soldier in the militia of the United States during the war of the revolution, as is more particularly set forth in her supplement[al] declaration, and in the affidavits hereto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Witbeck or (Whitbeck) on the thirtieth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one; that her husband the aforesaid John Whitbeck died on the twenty fifth day of April 1791 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before me the said Judge—the said Leonard VanDenburgh being unable from bodily infirmity to court. J. Lansing Judge of Albany Com Pleas.

The Supplemental Deposition or Declaration of the aforesaid Lena Witbeck who testifies and says that her personal knowledge of the military services of her said husband John Witbeck extends only to the following particulars; to wit—

She remembers that after her marriage as aforesaid, namely, in one of the fall months of the same year of her marriage (1781) she believes in the month of October—in that year, her said husband was called upon and did serve in the militia of the district in which he lived for the term of eight days or more—

She was informed at the time thereof by her said husband & others that her said husband rendered this service at Schoharie or the [?] alar in said state—but she cannot remember if in fact she was ever informed or knew the names of the officers under whom he served, or any of the particulars of his said service.

She further testifies & says that her marriage with said John Witbeck took place at Watervliet at the house of her deceased father Evert Van Den Burgh; by the Reverend Elias VanBenschoten, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Schaghticoke – and according to the best of her recollection & knowledge, the only persons present during the performance of the marriage ceremony who are now living are Abraham L. Whitbeck & Jane VanDenburge (now Jane Lansing). (Signed with his mark) Lena VanDenburgh

Subscribed & Sworn this first day of February 1838 before me. J. Lansing Judge of Albany Com Pleas.