

### **Pension Application for James Yerks**

W.16487 (Widow: Auley) Married 1774, James died 1806.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of the 3d Section of the Congress of the fourth of July 1836.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS

On this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Auley Yerks a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County aged seventy nine 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<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of James Yerks who was a private in the war of the revolution.

That the said James Yerks served three month in the year 1776 commencing in the month of October, in the company of militia of said County commanded by Captain Jesse Baker in the Regiment commanded by Lieut Col James Hammond and was at the expiration of said term of three months honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that the said James Yerks served as she is informed and believes two months in the said company and regiment in the year 1777 in the fall thereof and was honorably discharged at the expiration thereof.

And the declarant further saith that the said James Yerks again served in the said company and regiment two months commencing in the month of October or September 1778 and at the end of two months thereafter was honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that the said James Yerks served one year in said company and regiment commencing in the month of May 1779 and continuing until the month of May following when he was honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that the said James Yerks served as a private during all of the said terms.

And that he resided in the County of Westchester aforesaid during and at the time he entered the said service and was in actual service during said terms on the lines in said County for the protection of the protection of the said county and the inhabitants thereof against the enemy said County being during the greater part of said war the seat of hostile operations and partly in possession the British and partly in possession of the American troops.

And the declarant saith that she has no documentary evidence of the service of her said husband above set forth, nor can she state of her own knowledge whether he served as a volunteer or as an enlisted or drafted soldier she believes however he was called by order of his superior officers.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Yerks in the year 1774 in the Dutch Reformed Church of Tarrytown in said County by the Reverend John Richmore and a record thereof remains in said church.

That her husband the aforesaid James Yerks died in the year one thousand eight hundred and six in Mount Pleasant aforesaid and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Auley Yerks

Sworn to & subscribed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1837 before me. Aaron Vark, one of the Judges of the County of Westchester.