

that she was her son's husband continued to reside  
at Delaware afterwards for the term of four or five years after  
the close of the revolutionary war, when they removed to  
that we then called the new purchase in the county of  
Northumberland Pennsylvania about eight miles below  
Hunting or the south side of the Susquehanna River, when  
they resided about half three years, for which they  
removed to the town of Boston Ontario County, now into  
Madison County in the state of New York, he presents

of the name "John Smith"  
which was then known

the paper place, that he did soon after, & since his  
death she has heard nothing of the matter; that the  
Elders, accompanying this declaration were found  
among the papers of her husband, that they were  
in his possession at the time of his death, but were  
remained in his possession until the present time  
that the names of no person now living who was  
connected with his husband when a soldier in the  
revolutionary army and whose name is no such per-  
son now living whom testimony she could procure to  
the fact she declares that she was married to  
the said John Remick on or about the middle of  
the day of March in the year 1782, the husband  
of Remick's name was then thirty years of  
age, that her eldest son John Remick was born three  
years after his marriage, that she was married by a  
Protestant clergyman of the name of Barber, that  
she said that she gave her no certificate of  
marriage, and she knows of no certificate of  
marriage by any one, that her husband was present at  
the marriage, and that she knows her name was  
present on that occasion, that his husband the afore-  
said John Remick died on the eighth day of February  
in the year eighteen hundred & thirty two, and that  
she has remained a widow ever since that period, as  
will more fully appear by reference to the marriage &  
death records.

residence, Deponent further says, that among the company present at the marriage of herself and the said John Rawalt were the said Quarter Master General Robert Patton, and his clerk whose name is not recollcted - also Peter Shingle and Peter Hatten on Gardner, Michael Lape or Laper & John Kluminger - neither of whom are now alive within the knowledge of Deponent

Sworn to, and subscribed by making her mark, *Ann Rawalt* her mark  
on the day and year above written before me - Cornelius Masters first Judge of Yates County Courts, and I do further Certify that the said Ann Rawalt cannot from bodily infirmity attend the Court.

*C. Masters*

And I the said Judge do further Certify that the said Ann Rawalt above sworn before me as aforesaid is a person of good character for truth and veracity and to be fully believed.

*C. Masters*

State of New York

County of Yates ss: George Shearman, Clerk of said County and of the County Courts thereof (the same being Courts of Record) do hereby Certify that the Master Egan whose signatures appear to the final of the preceding Affidavit or Deposition of Ann Rawalt and also the above Certificate of credibility was on the days of the dates thereof and still is First Judge of said County, and in the exercise of their duty authorized by the laws of said State to act as such, that I am well acquainted with his hand writing and verily believe his said signatures are genuine.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto affix the seal of said County and Courts (by official seal), July 21. 1837.  
*George Shearman Clerk*

537 Ann Revault  
petition of Ann Revault  
for a pension for services  
rendered by her husband  
John Revault.

Dec. 18 1837  
Ref<sup>d</sup> to the Committee  
on Rev. Claims

Jan. 9. 1838  
Ref<sup>d</sup> to Com. on Rev. pensions  
John Archard  
Report to Com. of Rev.  
Pensions

Feb. 17. 1838. Bill No. 557

A. G.  
Shepherd 58  
direct & refer  
to Rev. Penn  
W. Shepherd

Andrews 161. Rev. C.

To the Congress of the United States.

The undersigned respectfully reports that she is the widow of John Stewart who was a distinguished and bold soldier in the Army of the Revolution. That her husband served during the whole of that war and that about three years of that service was performed after her marriage to him, that since the death of her husband she has remained unmarried,

she further reports that she most valuable papers relating to the grade of her husband, viz. commissions and a regular discharge from the army were lost by Aaron Stearns into whose hands they were placed for the purpose of obtaining a pension for her husband and that she knows of no person now living who was present at her marriage with the said Stewart or who knows of his service in the Revolutionary war.

she further reports that she is now informed by reason of her advanced age, that she is in indigent circumstances, being dependent upon her own labor & charity for a livelihood. In view of the above considerations and believing that the bounty of government is in justice & equity extended to her by Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, she prays that her honorable body may have the provisions of that Act and her Act and benefit, the provisions of that Act and that she may receive such bounty in the grade & service of her deceased husband as may entitle her to the subject of her claim, she would respectfully urge your honorable body to the accompanying "declaration" made by herself to the General "Attendants" of John Stearns Esq, Aaron Stearns Esq, Henry, Mary, Lawrence, and O. A. Ogden and that the "old papers" showing reference to the name of her husband as an officer and soldier in the Revolutionary Army. And as in duty bound she will ever pray

Date this 21st day of Oct 1837  
Mary O. A. Ogden  
Widow of Ogden  
John Stewart  
widow

Supplemental Declaration.

In the matter of the application of }  
Ann Rewalt, widow of John }  
Rewalt for a pension under }  
the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836. }  
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And the said Ann Rewalt being further duly sworn faith, that she was married in the month of March (1778) one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight in the town of Lebanon, County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania, as set forth in her original declaration. That at the time of her marriage her husband the said John Rewalt was in active and actual service in the army of the United States, as an Officer. She further declares, that the marriage ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian Clergyman named Booker an aged man who she believes never made any record of the marriage, as she has never been able to find any record thereof, That the following named individuals were present at the performance of the marriage ceremony, all of whom have long since departed this life, according to the best of this Declarant's knowledge & belief viz. Peter Shingle, Catherine Shingle, Elizabeth Shingle Peter Herter or Harter, Michael Lape, John Clevanger then clerk of the said County of Lancaster & Robert Patten Quarter Master General under whom her said husband served and one of his clerks whose name she cannot recollect. The precise grade in which her said husband served she is unable to say, but knows he was an officer in the Wagon Master General's Department and think they called him a brigade Wagon Master. That after their marriage he continued to serve for the term of three years and more and during all this time he drew or received or was allowed his regular rations.

as such officer if not in a higher grade and she further declares that she has no record of her marriage in her Bible or other family Book

her  
Ann<sup>er</sup> Rewalt  
mark

Subscribed by making his  
mark and sworn to before me a Justice of  
the Peace in & for the Town of Abilo, County of  
Yates State of New York, this Sixth day of Sep-  
-tember, 1839, and I certify that the  
above Declarant is a credible person  
and fully entitled to relief

Samuel Stevens J.P.

STATE OF NEW-YORK.  
YATES COUNTY,

SS.  
I, John Sloan J. Dep<sup>t</sup> Clerk of the said County of Yates,  
do hereby certify that Samuel Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup>  
before whom the annexed affidavit was  
taken, was at the time of taking the same a Justice of the  
Peace in and for said county, sworn  
and duly authorised by law to act as such, that I am acquainted with his  
hand writing, and verily believe his signature to the annexed certificate to be genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said county and of the  
Court of Common Pleas thereof, this Sixth day of September 1839

John Sloan J. Dep<sup>t</sup> Clerk.

State of New York }  
Yates County. } s. s.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1842, personally appeared before me  
a Justice of the Peace - in and for the County  
aforesaid, Ann Rewalt a resident of Milo's Centre, in  
said County - who being duly sworn according to  
Law, doth on her oath state, That she is now a  
pensioner of the United States under the act July 4.  
1836. at the rate of \$480 per annum, on the New  
York roll Albany Agency - as widow to the late  
John Rewalt, who was an Assistant - Lieut. Major  
Mantz General in the War of the Revolution.

Now the object of this declaration being made is,  
in order to obtain through my agent Mr. Ab. Gray  
an increase rate of pension at the rate of 50% or more  
or \$600 per annum, and the payment of the  
arrear thereon under said act from the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1831,  
and all other claim to a pension or annuity except  
the present is hereby relinquished,

Sworn and subscribed to, on the day and year  
above written before me.

State of New-York, }  
YATES COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, } ss.

I, Samuel Stevens, Clerk of said County, hereby certify, that  
A. Gordon Esquire, before whom the annexed proceedings were  
had, was on the days of the dates thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for said  
County, legally authorized as such: and that I am well acquainted with the hand-  
writing of the said Justice, and verily believe that his signature to the annexed  
certificate is genuine.

Witness my hand and Official Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day

of March 1842

1842

Clerk.

State of New York }  
Gates County. } s. s.

On this 11th day of  
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General in the war of the revolution.

Now the object of this declaration being made is,  
in order to obtain through my agent Mr. A. C. C. an  
increase rate of pension at the rate of 5% Mr. M. M.  
or \$600 per annum, and the payment of the  
arrear thereon under said act from the 4th Jan. 1836  
and all other claim to a pension or annuity except  
the present is hereby relinquished.

Sworn and subscribed to, on the day and year  
above written before me.

D. A. C. J. P.

Ann Rewalt  
witness

Yates

County, ...  
writing of the said  
certificate is genuine.

Witness my hand and Official Seal this 11th - day

March 1849

In the matter of  
the application of  
Ann Rewalt for

a pension -

Documents A. B.

C. D. & E.

In the matter of  
of  
Ann Rewalt  
widow of John  
Rewalt decd.

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affidavits &c

Agent

Giles F. Yates

Hugh Lusk Schenectady, N.Y.

Dept. Wagon New York Jail

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Departments -

To

Lieut. John Rowell

L. Rowell

D

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1779.

A Special Warrant being issued  
Against you on the Complaint of Honour, for  
Horribly entering into his Mansion House  
the Warrant came under my Notice as Officer  
of this Town, I therefore having respect to  
you, being a Public Officer, advised the Execution  
thereof in the Common form, and give you this  
Notice that you are to appear before me tomorrow  
this day precisely at 10 o'clock forenoon, to answer  
for such your Conduct — Your Compliance for  
will tend much to your own Credit, but should  
you despise or neglect giving your attendance, you  
must blame your self if disagreeable consequences  
should follow, for my part I am determined at  
all Hazards to uphold and maintain Civil Govern-  
ment, I am for with due respect

Your Humble Servant

J. Marshall Com. Officer  
at Lebanon

To Lieut. Chewath

Geoff J. Duple



In the NAME and by the AUTHORITY of the FREEMEN of the Commonwealth of *Pennsylvania*,

The SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the said Commonwealth,

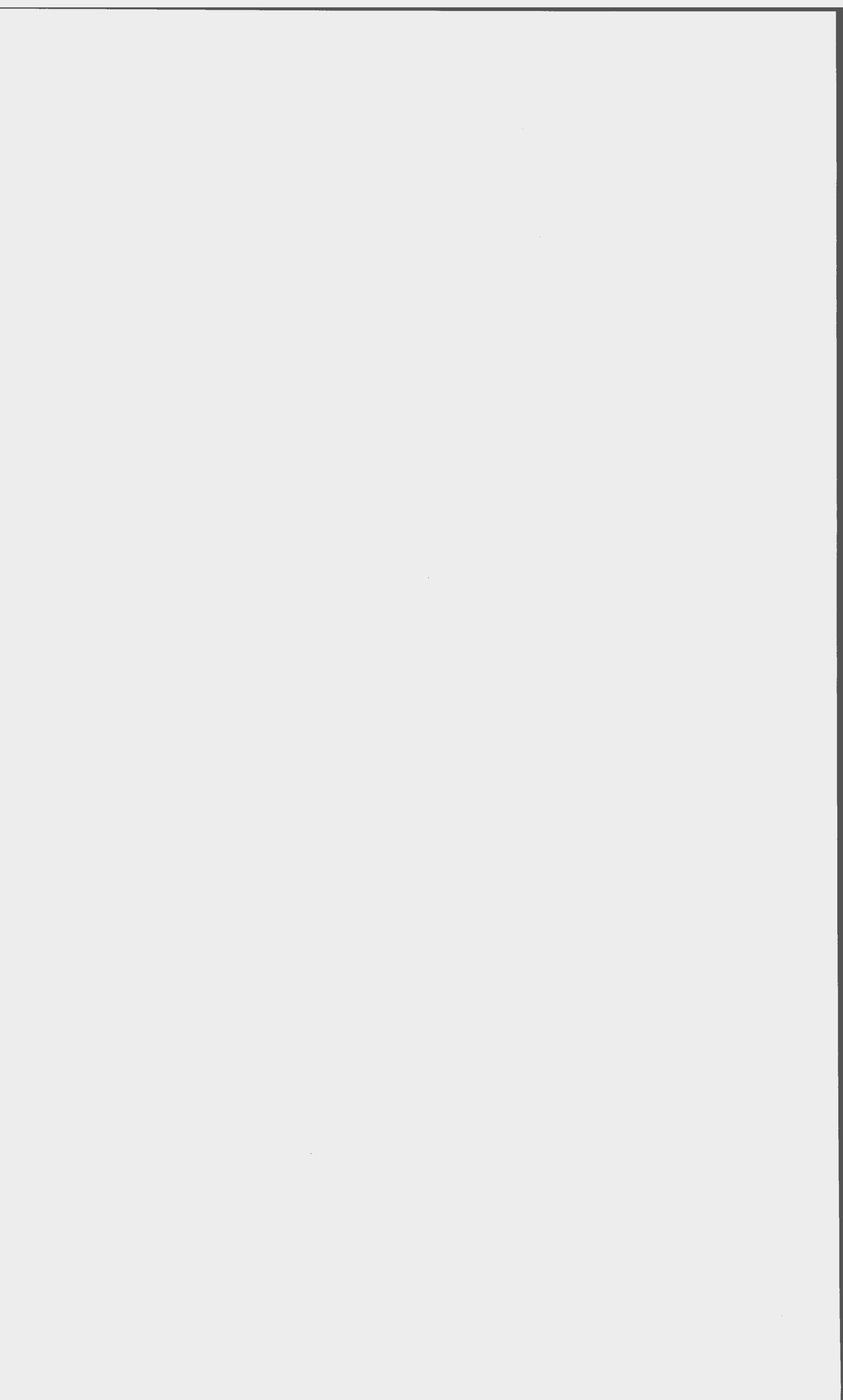
To *John Buwalda* Gentlemen

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, D O, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be *Second Lieutenant of a Company of Foot in the first* Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Lancaster* - You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Second Lieutenant* by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereunto belonging. And We do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your Orders as *Second Lieutenant*. And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as you shall from Time to Time receive from the Supreme Executive Council of this Commonwealth, or from your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, and in Pursuance of the Acts of Assembly of this State. This Commission to continue in Force until your Term, by the Laws of this State, shall of Course expire.

GIVEN under the lesser Seal of the Commonwealth, at Philadelphia, this *First* Day of *July* in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Seventy Seven*

*No 9*  
ATTEST.  
*Wm Mifflin*

*Wm Wharton Junr* Pres



To all whom it may Concern

This is to Certify that John Newell 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in my Company has served for the  
Space of four months and upwards Commanded by Colonel James Cunningham Esq<sup>r</sup>  
In the flying Camp during which time he behaved himself as a good soldier and a  
Gentleman and a friend to the American Cause and as the time of our enlistment  
being now expired I do hereby Discharge him from My Company Given from  
my hand & Seal the first Day of January A.D. 1777

Let. to L. L. Addison Nov. 22/49

Recd. ltr to D.A. Ogden  
Oct 10. 1849

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Sec. of State and  
D. S. Addison

Act. July 1836

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To to Hm. J. Andrews Dec 13. 1837

To G. F. Yates 5. July 1839

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See letter to Glas F. Yates

Sep. 27. 1839

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Commissioner of Pensions,  
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Kindly give me the date of his birth,  
enlistment + death and any record  
of his service you may have and  
greatly oblige.

Respectfully,

Ray. C. Kayser, Jr.

2338 Irving Pl.

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Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 1911.



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Galesburg Ills. Jan'y 17. 1900

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Mrs Raymond Kayser

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Judith A. Ogden

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Yates Co. N. Y.

APR 21 1893



*L.S.*

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CHARLES EDWIN OGDEN,

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May 18. 1912

C. P. Peckham

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95  
C. P. Peckham  
M. C. G. - 1

May - 30 - 1901

A. S. Loring - 1886

Mrs. M. C. G. - 1901  
C. P. Peckham

1912 - 30 - 1912

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M. P. Peckham

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Washington, Dec. 28. 1838

Sir,

As the duly authorized Agent  
of the heirs of Mr. Amos Prescott, Dec'd,  
late a prisoner, on the New York  
road, in order the Act of July 4. 1838  
I have respectfully to request that  
you will allow me the privilege of  
seeing his papers.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. Proctor

Wm. Proctor

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New York 911<sup>m</sup>

Ann Burdett

Act. July 4. 1836

Married 19<sup>th</sup> March 1778

Husband died 16 Feb. 1822

Quarles New York Defunct moul  
Rob Patton -

Asst Dep. Wagon Master  
General 2 years

\$480

John F. Yates Esq  
Schuylkill  
N. Y.

To the Commr. of Pensions

I wish copies of the papers referred to in the petition of Ann  
Newell widow of John Newell a soldier of the Revolution  
to be sent to me

Wm. C. C. C.

Perm Ban  
New York, N.Y. 10019.

Sir/

I enclose you an application, in the form of a declaration, in Remitt of John Remitt, also known as Remitt under the act 1836. New York will. at the rate of \$40. per annum, asking an increase at the rate of 50% per M, for the increase of her deceased husband, as an app. dep. T. Mastz & Co. in the name of the Remitts

I am Sir  
Yours most

Obt. Serv.

Wm. H. Day

Mr Giles J Bates  
Sir

Penn Saw March 1 1839

Being anxious to obtain what the laws  
of my country entitle me to as the widow of a  
revolutionary soldier. I desire and you are hereby  
authorized to prosecute my claim for pension to  
such man as will in your judgement ensure  
success.

adthp your communications on this subject to Oct  
of dec.

I am hope fully  
Yours.  
Ann. ~~Ren~~ <sup>Ren</sup> ~~mark~~ <sup>mark</sup>

Attest Oct 4 1839

Albany 3116

Ann Rewalt

widow of John Rewalt

who died on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1822

of Yates Co. in the State of N. York

who was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. in the

by Captain

of the

commanded

commanded

in the Penn ..

two for 2 years

deposited on the Roll of Albany

at the rate of 480 Dollars — Comes per account

commenced on the 15th day of March, 1831.

of Pension fixed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.

1834, and sent to G. F. Yates

Secretary, N. Y.

to the 15th of Sept. 39

4080.00

and allowance ending Mar. 40

240.00

\$4320.00

Revolutionary Claims,  
Act July 4, 1836,  
Section the 3

U. Brown

Clerk

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to Hon. J. C. Spencer, Sec. War, June

6. 1842: do. to A. Ray June 7. 1842

to Am. A. Dana Decem-27/1842

Philadelphia September  
the 10<sup>th</sup> 1778

For please to send Down  
the following Mens Intestms  
No 1 John Ewersol  
No 2 Abraham Ewersol  
No 3 Patrick Mc Guegel  
from Kennis town  
No 4 Ludwick Seltys  
to Captain John Reesall

from your friend and  
well wisher Hugh Lusk

to be paid to the  
3. for the  
Mr. M. G.

D

OB  
Pending from the 17th

I have not with any bad message want to proceed on my  
feeling that every thing seems to be as high there  
as has not with holding shall proceed on my leaving

The are many - sum of the following will be requiring at  
you about the sum of 1000 - that you will give  
them I no answer so Dear Sir by your friend

and most humble  
Dear Sir  
Wm. Mather

This is to certify, that *William Hilder*

*William Hilder*

hath enlisted himself as a Waggoner or Team-Driver in the Army of the UNITED STATES, to serve for *Seven Months*

unless sooner discharged. In Consideration whereof he is to receive Pay at the Rate of ~~Five~~ *Seven* Pounds per Month, and

one Ration per Day. And in Case the said *William Hilder*

shall produce a Certificate from the Waggon-

Master General of his good Behaviour after six Months Service, he shall

receive a Suit of Cloaths by Way of Bounty, provided his Enlistment be

for one Year or upwards. IN WITNESS whereof the said *William*

*Hilder* and *John Revault* who is impow-

ered to enlist Waggoners, have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands,

this *Sixth* Day of *April* 1779.

*John Revault* *William Hilder*

March 8, 1932

BA-J/MLB

Miss M. Nellie Ansley  
Route 6  
Penn Yan, New York

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1932, relative to John Rewalt, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 17539, based upon the military service of John Rewalt, in the Revolutionary War.

John Rewalt, while a resident of Lebanon, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, enlisted, served four months as first lieutenant under Colonel James Cunningham in the flying camp and was discharged January 1, 1777. He was commissioned July 1, 1777, second lieutenant of a company of foot, First Battalion of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania militia. He also served in 1778 as captain or wagonmaster, and from 1779 until the close of the war, as Assistant Deputy Wagonmaster General; he was also in the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains, Trenton and Brandywine.

About five years after the war, he moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

He died in February, 1821, or February 16, 1822, in Milo, Yates County, New York.

Soldier married March 20, 1778, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Ann whose maiden name is not stated.

She was allowed pension on her application executed March 26, 1837, while living in Milo, New York, aged seventy-nine years.

John Rewalt's widow, Ann, died February 29, 1848, in Milo,  
New York, leaving the following children:

John, oldest son  
Mrs. Mary Lawrence, of Milo, New York, in 1837 aged forty-nine years.  
Elizabeth Legg  
Hannah De Pew.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator

Rev. & 1818 War Section.

MMHF-882

October 2, 1928.

R. S. Magee,  
606 North Third Street,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,

Sir:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 17529 it appears that John Bewalt while a resident of Lebanon, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, enlisted, served four months as First Lieutenant under Colonel James Cunningham in the Flying Camp and was discharged January 1, 1777.

He was commissioned July 1, 1777 Second Lieutenant of a company of Foot, First Battalion of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Militia.

He also served in 1778 as Captain or Wagonmaster, and from 1779 until the close of the war as assistant Deputy Wagonmaster General; he was also in the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains, Trenton and Brandywine.

About five years after the war he moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He died in February, 1821, or February 16, 1822 in Milo, Yates County, New York.

Soldier married in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, March 20,

1778, Ann whose maiden name is not stated. She was allowed pension on her application executed March 28, 1837 while living in Milo, New York aged seventy-nine years. She died February 29, 1848 in Milo, New York, leaving the following children: John, oldest son; Mrs. Mary Lawrence, of Milo, New York, in 1837 aged forty-nine years; Elizabeth Legg and Hannah De Pew.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT,  
Commissioner.

Rev. and 1812 War Section

MMMLXV

April 1, 1935

Board of Cemetery Commissioners  
Pen Yan, New York .

Sir:

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allowed pension on her application executed March 28,  
1837 while living in Milo, New York aged seventy-nine  
years. She died February 29, 1848 in Milo, New York  
leaving the following children:  
Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

To a full list add: leaving the fol. child: as per and list on  
the form

O. N. Division.

3-525.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, D. C., 190...

H. F. 175-29

In reply to your request of ... received for a statement of the military history of John Rewalt a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
Sept. 1776		Private		James Cunningham	Massachusetts
Sept 6 1777		Private in a co. of Foot 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt. Lancaster Co. militia			
1778		Wagon Master			
1779		Wagon Master Genl			

Battles engaged in, *Battle of the Clouds, White Plains, Trenton, Brandywine*  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Lebanon, Penn.*  
 Date of application for pension, *Dec. 28 1837*  
 Residence at date of application, *Mills, Pa.*  
 Age at date of application, *He was 79 yrs.*

Remarks: *Soldier married at Lebanon Penn. Mar. 29 1778 Ann and died at Mills, Pa. Feb. 18 21 or Feb. 16, 1822. She died Feb. 29 1848 at Mills, Pa. leaving the following children: John, Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Elizabeth Legg and Hannah De Per.*

Very respectfully,

*J. M. ... 1837 aged 49 yrs.*

Commissioner.

L. W. B.  
W. 17529.

This office will furnish the military record of such Revolutionary soldiers as were pensioned or whose widows were pensioned for their services. Such of the original muster and pay rolls of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 as are now in the possession of the Government are on file in the Record and Pension Office, War Department. Original rolls and other records pertaining to service in the Revolutionary War may also be found on file in the archives of many of the original States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

July 14th, 1898.

O. W. & N. DIV.

REVOLUTIONARY

Madam:-

Replying to your recent communication you are advised that Ann, widow of John Rewalt, made an application for pension on July 19, 1837, at which time she was 79 years of age and residing at Milo, New York, and her pension was allowed for the actual service of her husband as a sergeant, lieutenant and captain in the Penna. troops, Revolutionary war, for a period of two years. Officers under whom he served not stated. He enlisted at Lebanon, Penna.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mrs. Raymond Kayser,

26 Fourth Street,

Williamsbridge,

N. Y. City.

(Miss) Marguerite Rawalt  
1701-16th St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

(Employed as attorney -  
Asst General Counsel's Office  
Bureau of Internal Revenue)

John Rawalt

Personally requested  
January 24-1935-

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1932.

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

A. G. 201  
Rawalt, John  
(ORD)

Miss M. Nellie Ansley,  
Route 6,  
Penn Yan, New York.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of recent date in which you request the military record of General John Rawalt, said to have enlisted from Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and to have served in the battles of White Plains and Brandywine as Commissary General.

The name John Rawalt has not been found on the rolls on file in my office of any organization in service during the Revolutionary War. over

The collection of Revolutionary War records on file in the War Department is incomplete and it is suggested that some information relative to John Rawalt may perhaps be found in the office of the Director of Pensions, Veterans Administration, this city, or can perhaps be obtained from the Librarian, Pennsylvania State Library, Harrisburg.

Very truly yours,



*C. H. Bridges*  
Major General  
The Adjutant General.

By *J. W.*

Pennycuik Ny. Feb 10 1932

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Was Sup  
The Adjutant Gen's office

Gentlemen The enclosed came this  
A m I remember now that the record  
I had was found when Gen. Rowlett's  
widow was General but can  
not give date but think it must  
have been bet. 1836 & 40 or later  
sorry I should have lost it

Miss M. Lillian Anselmy

E. G. PIERSON, PRESIDENT

FREDERICK S. PECK, VICE-PRESIDENT

TUNIS JOHNSON, SECRETARY

R. P. KETCHAM, ASST. SECRETARY

INCORPORATED 1851

*Merchants*  
INSURANCE CO.  
Providence Rhode Island

606 North Third Street,

R. S. MAGEE, AGENT  
HARRISBURG, PA.

Harrisburg, Pa.

December 9th., 1927.

Hon. Commissioner of Pensions,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

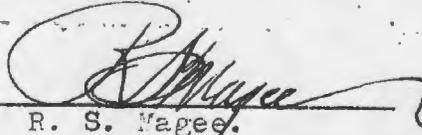
Dear Sir:-

John Rewalt was a soldier of the Revolution. His widow was pensioned in 1837, Milo, New York, where her husband died. His son John, Jr. born 1780, died 1873 who was married to Elizabeth Yocum. With this data would it be possible for me to secure a copy of the papers filed by his widow when she secured a pension? I am trying to secure this data for a cousin who wants to become a member of the D. A. R. on the Rewalt line, and it is for this reason that I make above request.

Thanking you in advance for any information you can supply.

Very respectfully,



  
R. S. Magee.

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OFFICE

Department of State,  
Washington, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1849.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to state, that the only evidence of the service of John Rewalt in the Quarter Master General's Department, during the Revolution, which appears to be in the possession of this Department, is as follows.

In a paper entitled, "Return of persons employed in the Quarter Master General's Department, under the inspection of Robert Patton, D. Q. M. General at Lebanon Pennsylvania, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1779," the name "John Rewalt" is entered in a column entitled, "Aristants D. Q. M. General." The time of his appointment is not therein mentioned.

I am, Sir, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,  
W. Clayton -

J. S. Edwards, Esquire,  
Commissioner of Pensions.

According to the de-  
cision of the Secy. of  
the Interior in the case  
of Henry Southard, the  
pension of Mrs. Rowlett  
should have been \$600  
per annum. It should  
therefore be increased  
to that amount.

J. J. Connelley

Increase  
Am Rewalt  
no 7 - John  
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at 4 July 1836

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on 4 March 1831 to 24  
July 1848 the day of

his death payable to

John Rewalt, Mary  
Lawrence, Elizabeth Leg

Harriet DePew only  
Surviving Children of Am

Rewalt ad. deducting  
what has been paid at

the rate of 4% per ann

in the same time

Am L. B. Smith  
Present

Washington 4 Feb. 1857

Sir

I desire to ask your attention to the claim now on file in your office, for an increase of the Pension heretofore allowed to Mrs Rewatt, widow of John Rewatt, who was an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master Gen. in the Mexican War.

Mrs Rewatt was placed on the Pension Roll of the New York Agency, on writ of the services of her husband at the rate of \$480 per annum. The rate of Pension for services as a Deputy Wagon Master Gen. for two years, should have been \$500 per year and I now request that the Pension heretofore granted may be increased to that amount.

Very Respy  
John O. Light.  
Caleb Brewster

Comm. of Pensions  
Washington D.C.

A.R. Dec. 18th 1843

Hon. J. Edwards  
Dear Sir

Having made an unsuccessful search on the files of the House & Senate for Amasa's commission mentioned in Mr. Maxwell's letter sent herewith it is suggested to me that it is probably on the files of your office. Will you have the goodness to ascertain & inform me.

What is the situation of the Pension claim of Mr. Bewalt mentioned in Mr. Ogden's letter and what will be necessary for me to do to effect Mr. O's request?

At the request of Mr. Joy I send you pension papers in the cases of Hannah Purdy, Elizabeth Swarthout, Marian Burckard & Huldah Payne to which your early attention is respectfully solicited.

Yours Respectfully  
Amasa Bond

Copy

Pension office  
May 9. 1842

Sir

The case of Ann Rewalt, widow of John Rewalt, has again been examined. The returns among the Washington Papers, do not throw any light on the subject of ~~the~~ Rewalt's pay. His wages are put down at \$50 per month, and Subsistence \$10; but at that time the troops were paid in continental paper money, when \$1. in specie was worth \$13 in paper. There is no evidence that he received more than \$40 per month in specie when he made his final settlement with the government. The pension was allowed at the rate of \$450 per annum, and it cannot be increased.

I am respectfully  
Yours, Obedt Servt.

(signed) J. L. Edwards

Mr Alexander Vay  
Present.

R44 Revatt  
John Revatt  
widow's Curse

17529

Copy

Pension Office

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1842.

Sir

In the case of Mrs Ann Rowalt, widow of John Rowalt, referred to in the enclosed letter, I have merely to remark that I am not satisfied that Rowalt received more than \$40 per month in specie for his service as assistant deputy Wagon-Master General, and I do not therefore consider myself authorized to increase the pension above that rate. The rate of pay fixed by Congress in 1776 and the Spring of 1777 was the same rate which was allowed in the final settlement at the end of the war, and to grant pensions according to that rate is in my opinion the only safe and proper course. (On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1777 Congress fixed the pay of a Forage-Master at \$40 per month, and for that reason Emanuel Corryell's widow was allowed a pension of \$40 per month not because his name was found among the "Washington Papers" in the Department of State as a Forage-Master at that rate. If he had been returned on those papers at a hundred dollars per month, I should not have regarded the return as any safe guide for me. I have no evidence whatever that an assistant deputy Wagon-Master General was allowed so much in specie as \$40 per month. It was believed, however, that it might be a liberal and perhaps a just allowance, in the absence of all positive legislation on

the subject, to give the widow a pension at that rate. My reason for not believing that an Assistant deputy Wagon-Master General ever could have been allowed more than \$120 per month is this. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1777 Congress fixed the pay of a Quarter Master General at \$166 per month; a deputy Quarter Master General \$75 per month, and an assistant deputy Quarter Master General at only \$40 per month, and at the same time the pay of a Wagon Master General was set down at \$75 per month, and that of a deputy Wagon Master General at only \$50 per month. Nothing whatever is said in that Resolution (May 14<sup>th</sup> 1777) of such an Officer as an assistant deputy Wagon Master General; but it is probable, if such an Officer had then been created, that the pay would have been higher than that of an Assistant <sup>deputy</sup> Quarter Master General, when at the same time the other Officers of the Wagon Department were paid at a lower rate than the same description of Officers in the Quarter Master Department. I find nothing in any of the Resolutions relative to the pay of an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General.

I have the Honor to be  
very respectfully  
Your Obedt Servant  
J. L. Edwards

Hon John C. Spencer  
Secretary of War

(1770)

The decision of the Secretary of War in the case of  
Mrs Ann Reswalt is as follows. viz.

I concur with the Commissioner in regarding the  
'Washington Papers' as very equivocal evidence; and altho  
his letter to Mr Bell in Mrs Congell's case may have mis-  
led Mr Pay, yet the ground on which the decision in  
that case is now placed, viz, the Resolution of Congress  
of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1777 fixing the pay of a Forage Master at  
\$40 per month relieves this case of that precedent.

As there is no evidence whatever of the actual  
allowance made to an assistant Deputy-Wagon Master-  
General, I think the Commr has adopted a very fair  
and even liberal analogy in arriving at the amount.  
certain it is, that the amount paid in paper furnishes  
no evidence of the specie pension. I can not perceive  
any sufficient ground for disturbing the decision of the  
Commissioner.

signed J. C. Spencer

June 6. 1842.

Washington

March 28. 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> was received this morning desallowing the application for increase of the pension of Mrs Ann Remart widow of John Remart, on the ground, that she has already as high a pension as she is entitled to; and there is no evidence, that ever that her husband ever received pay equal to 50¢ per mo.

With the view of placing the claim of Ann Remart in a more favorable light than you appear to hold it, I have to request of you to give me a letter, or to write, to the Secy of State for any information as to the pay made to John Remart in the capacity in which he served, as the Washington papers can afford.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> I solicited a like request in the application of Mary Lamb, the surviving child of Catherine Lamb, who was a pensioner under act 1836. Major, roll: as widow of Robert Lamb, my object of the enquiry was to ascertain the rank Robert Lamb held, while he acted as an assistant Cornet of Drills<sup>o</sup>. at Boston.

I am most  
Respectfully  
Yours  
Geo. W. C. C.

Geo. W. C. C.

Chenectada, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1839.

J. L. Edwards Esq  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of a pension Certificate for Mrs Rewalt widow of John Rewalt, who was an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General, and so designated in the certificate. Inasmuch as a common wagon master is allowed \$480 per annum, it seems to me, there must be some mistake in allowing an Asst. Deputy Wagon Master General only the same sum. Besides, the document proving him to have been as. Dep. W. M. G. states his pay at \$80 per month. As no letter of explanation accompanied the certificate, I take the liberty to call your attention to the subject.

I find by reference to the proceedings of Congress May 14<sup>th</sup> 1779, a resolve fixing the pay per month of a W. M. Genl. at \$75, a dep. W. M. G. \$50, and a W. M. at \$40. Congress made no new resolve in reference to this matter in any of their subsequent proceedings, as far as the W. M. G. & A. W. M. G. are

concerned. On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1780, however,  
they passed a resolution ~~that~~ raising the pay of  
a Wagon Master to \$60 per month (in specie)  
& of a Sep. W. M. to \$45 per mo & rations  
per day.

I am very respectfully  
Yours Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

G. H. W. H. S.

Shenectady Nov 10 1839

J. L. Edwards Esq

Commissioner of Records

Sir

In the matter of the application  
of Ann Rewalt, widow of  
John Rewalt for a pension

In forwarding  
certain documents in support of the above  
claim the enclosed appears to have been  
overlooked. If however I am right in deci-  
phering this almost illegible document, it will  
go to substantiate the claim, & show that  
Rewalt served in the Wagon Department under  
Capt. Patton Dr. M. G. as early as June 1778.

Date on the inside "Reading, June 17. 1778

on the outside appears to be in order in  
the following words

"Capt. Rewalt, furnished Capt. Oldenby  
B. [Barrack] Master with 6 wagons to haul  
wood for the Barracks.  
Robert Patton

Robert Patton  
Secretary

very respectfully

J. L. Edwards

Schenectada October 1<sup>st</sup> 1839.

To J. L. Edwards Esq.

Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir, The view  
taken by me in your favor of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>  
relative to the application of Ann Rewalt  
widow of John Rewalt dec<sup>d</sup> for a pension & is lib-  
eral & satisfactory; and would be acquiesced in,  
were it not for the conviction that the proof  
adduced in my letter of last Friday will serve  
to change your opinion on the subject. I see  
no reason to assume different ground from  
that taken in my said letter, and beg leave  
to reassert her claim for a pension, by reason of  
her husband's services as an apt<sup>l</sup> Dept<sup>l</sup> Wagon  
Master General for more than years - at least  
from June 1779, to September 1781.

I am with respect  
Your mo: obt<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

G. F. W. S.

Schenectady March 9<sup>th</sup> 1839

A. S. Edwards Esq

Commissioner of Pensions

Sir.

Papers in  
the matter of the application of Ann Pe  
walt of Penn Yan, Yates County N.Y. for a  
pension under the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836,  
have been forwarded to me by her, with a  
request that I should desire you to review the  
case. The case has been under examination  
before, and objections made to its allowance. These  
if stated to me, I will endeavour to obviate.  
Among the papers referred to me, is the enclosed,  
which as it appears to be an original, I presume  
ought to return. I received it from the Hon J. F.  
Andrews M.C. at the instance of the widow—

I am very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Giles F. Yates

Affidavit of  
John Hendry

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

State of New York  
and County of Yates

Martin Kendig being duly sworn deposes & says that he is sixty five years of age and is now a resident of the Town of Canton, County of Yates & State of New York. That fifty one years ago he moved into and for a number of years continued to reside, in the County of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania. That about that time he became acquainted with John Rewalt. That said Rewalt lived but a short distance from his this deponents father's & that he often worked for his said father. That he also at that time became acquainted with Ann the wife of said John Rewalt. That they the said John and Ann then lived together as man and wife. That it was universally reported & believed that they were man & wife. That he never heard it questioned & has no doubt that they were man & wife and that the said Ann Rewalt now the widow of John Rewalt is at this present time personally known to him, and that she is the same person then known & believed to be the wife of John Rewalt now deceased. That she now resides in the Town of Milo County of Yates & State of New York at which place her husband resided at the time of his death. This deponent further says that he was well acquainted with John Rewalt, Jr. That he became acquainted with him about the time that he became acquainted with John & Ann Rewalt, also mentioned, that he after ward went to school with the said John Rewalt Jr in the County of Northumberland State of Pennsylvania that at this time he was a lad of eight or ten years of age. That this said John Rewalt, Jr. was then and at that time & has since been reported & believed to be the son of the aforesaid John & Ann Rewalt and this deponent has no doubt that such is the fact. That the said John Rewalt Jr. has lately removed to the State of Illinois, & was when he next saw a man in appearance between fifty five & sixty years of age.

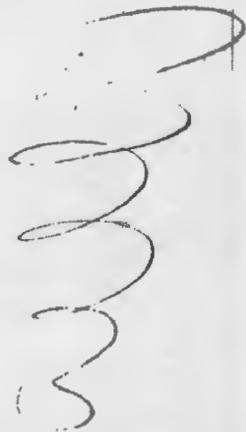
This deponent further declares that at the time of his acquaintance with John Bewall deceased in the County of Northumberland State of Pennsylvania he the said Bewall was generally reported & believed to have been a Soldier in the revolutionary war, and he himself has no doubt that such was the fact

That the aforesaid John and Ann Bewall at the time of his acquaintance with them fifty one years ago in Northumberland County State of Pennsylvania maintained a good character for truth, honesty & respectability were esteemed as citizens & held as neighbors, and that they bore this good character for the whole space of several years. That he was acquainted with them in Pennsylvania and since their removal to this county have borne the same good character, so far as his knowledge & belief extends.

Morton Hendig

Subscribed & sworn before me by the said Morton Hendig this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1897. I certify that I am well acquainted with said Hendig & that he is a credible witness fully entitled to credit & belief

Wm. A. Norton  
Justice of the Peace



Morton Hendig

Copy

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Claim for Military Service.

Increase.

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 4th July 1836, the pension of Ann Rewalt deceased, late of New York, widow of John Rewalt, who was an assistant deputy wagon master general in the Revolution, has been increased, from four hundred and eighty, to six hundred dollars per annum, commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 1831, and ending 29<sup>th</sup> February 1848, when she died.

The amount is due and payable to her only surviving children, to wit, John Rewalt, Mary Lawrence, Elizabeth Leg & Hannah De Pew, after deducting what has been paid at the rate of four hundred and eighty dollars, per annum, for same time.

Given at the Department of the Interior,  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February  
one thousand eight hundred and forty-fifty.

Examined and }  
Countersigned. }

Secretary of the Interior.

Commissioner of Pensions.

(Copy)

State of New York,  
County of Yates &c. - I Russell A. Fargo Clerk of  
the County Court of Yates County aforesaid, holden at  
the Court House in the village of Penn Yan in and  
for said County do hereby certify that satisfactory  
evidence has been exhibited to said Court that  
Ann Newalt was a pensioner of the United  
States at the rate of four hundred & eighty dollars  
(\$480) per Annum, was a resident of the County  
& State aforesaid and died in the town of Milo  
in said County on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1848,  
and that she left four Children, whose names  
are as follows viz. John Rowalt, Mary Lawrence  
Elizabeth Legg & Hannah DePew.



In testimony whereof I have hereto set  
my hand <sup>and</sup> affixed my seal of Office at  
Penn Yan, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1849.

H. M. Stewart

Dep. Clerk

Treasury Department  
Third Auditor's Office  
November 13<sup>th</sup> 1849

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy  
from the original voucher on file in this Office

Jno. S. Callahan,

3<sup>d</sup> Auditor.

No. 2

Pension Office  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1842.

Sir,

In the case of W<sup>rs</sup> Ann Rewalt, widow of John Rewalt, referred to in the enclosed letter, I have merely to remark that I am not satisfied that Rewalt received more than \$40 per month in specie for his service as Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General, and I do not therefore consider myself authorized to increase the pension above that rate. The rate of pay fixed by Congress in 1776 and the Spring of 1777 was the same rate which was allowed on the final settlements at the end of the War, and to grant pensions according to that rate is in my opinion the only safe and proper course. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1777, Congress fixed the pay of a Forage Master at \$40 per month, and for that reason Emanuel Corryelli's widow was allowed a pension of \$40 per month not because his name was found among the "Washington Papers" in the Department of State as a Forage Master at that rate. If he had been returned on those papers at a hundred<sup>dollars</sup> per month, I should not have regarded the returns as any safe guide for me. I have no evidence whatever that an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General was allowed so much in specie as \$40 per month. It was believed, however, that it might be a liberal and perhaps a just allowance, in the absence of all positive legislation on the subject, to give the widow a pension at that rate. My reason for not believing that an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General ever could have been allowed more than

more than \$40 per month is this. On the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1777 Congress fixed the pay of a Quarter Master General at \$166 per month; a Deputy Quarter Master General \$75 per month, and an Assistant Deputy Quarter Master General at only \$40 per month; and at the same time the pay of a Wagon Master General was set down at \$75 per month, and that of a Deputy Wagon Master General at only \$50 per month. Nothing whatever is said in that Resolution (May 14<sup>th</sup> 1777) of such an Officer as an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General; but it is probable, if such an office had then been created, that the pay would have been higher than that of an Assistant Deputy Quarter Master General, when at the same time the other Officers of the Wagon Department were paid at a lower rate than the same description of Officers in the Quarter Masters Department. I find nothing in any of the Resolutions relative to the pay of an Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General.

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
(Your Obedt Servt.)  
(Signed) J. L. Edwards

How.

John C. Spencer  
Secretary of War.

The decision of the Secretary of War in the case of  
Mrs Ann Rewalt is as follows, viz,

"I concur with the Comm<sup>rs</sup> in regarding the "Wash-  
-ington Papers" as very equivocal evidence, and altho his  
letter to Mr Bell in Mr Corryell's case may have mis-  
-led Mr Ray, yet the ground on which the decision in  
that case is now placed, viz, the Resolution of Congress  
of 14<sup>th</sup> May 1777 fixing the pay of a Forage Master  
at \$20 per month relieves this case of that precedent."

As there is no evidence whatever of the actual al-  
-lowance made to an Assistant Deputy Wagon  
Master General I think the Comm<sup>rs</sup> has adopted a  
very fair and <sup>even</sup> liberal analogy in arriving at the amount.  
Certain it is, that the amount paid in paper furnishes  
no evidence of the specie pension. I cannot per-  
-ceive any sufficient grounds for disturbing the  
decision of the Commissioners."

(Signed) J. C. Spencer

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1842.

In the matter of  
the application of  
Ann Rewalt widow  
of John Rewalt died  
for a pension under  
the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July  
1836.

Supplemental Deposition

Agent

Giles F. H. H. H.

Schenectady

N. Y.

Schenectada Sept: 28<sup>th</sup> 1839

To J. L. Edwards Esq  
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir

In the matter of the application of Ann Rewalt widow of John Rewalt decd, I have obtained a new affidavit from Castle Sains recdiering more explicit what was in his first deposition indefinitely expressed. He there stated that he saw Rewalt on duty as a Brigade Wagon Master (more properly assist. Dep: W. M. Genl as will be seen by the documentary proof the Washington papers furnish) in 1780 or 1781. He now fixes the time in 1781, and gives the reasons for remembering it. He says an attack on New York was then meditated by the American army & that it was the month of September 1781. that General Washington kept up the appearance of an intention to attack New York while he secretly crossed the Hudson and passed on by the way of Philadelphia to Yorktown, which he invested and caused Lord Cornwallis to surrender on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October following. Mr. Sains says he saw Rewalt only a few months before the surrender of Cornwallis and that said Rewalt was then in actual and active service having charge of a brigade of Wagons. If the paper signed Hugh Lusk, who can be proved by the Washington papers to have been at the time Dep. Wag. Mas. Genl (to wit in September 1778) is not admitted as conclusive in regard to Mr. Rewalt's rank as a Wagon Master at that time, all doubt as to his serving in that grade in April 1779 is removed by voucher E. In June 1779 he is proved by the best evidence possible to have held the rank of Assistant Deputy Wagon Master General, and he continued in

service in that capacity up to July if not to  
September 1781 for which service of more than  
two years as A. S. W. N. G. a claim is set up  
by the widow, and as it is humbly conceived has  
been satisfactorily proved. I

I am very respectfully

Your Mo: Obedt Servt  
G. F. Yates

P.S. The afft of claims referred to, is  
enclosed — G. F. Yates

I also enclose a supplemental De-  
claration of the widow, which was not  
particularly required, but which may  
be acceptable —

G. F. Yates

Supplemental Affidavit

In the Matter of Ann Rewalt  
claim for Pension under the law  
of Congress passed July 12 1785  
as the Widow of John Rewalt

Castle Dains being further  
deputy sworn says that he first became acquainted  
with John Rewalt, (the person mentioned in his original  
affidavit) in the Revolutionary Army. That he ~~was~~  
born in actual Service at the Battle of White Plains  
that he was at that time an Officer & he thinks  
an orderly Sergeant, as will more fully appear by  
his original Affidavit, made in this Matter.  
That afterwards saw him in the Spring or Summer  
this deponent thinks in the Month of May of the  
Year (1781) somewhere between 4 & Eighty one, in the  
State of New Jersey. In the Town particularly remem-  
ber the time, as it <sup>was</sup> expected that an Attack  
was to be made by the American Troops on the  
City of New York to which point many of the Troops  
at the north was concentrating, and also from the  
fact that a short time after <sup>he saw the said Rewalt</sup> the most of  
the force then collected in New Jersey & along the  
North River were suddenly marched South  
to operate against Fort Mifflin, and also  
from the fact of it <sup>being</sup> only a few months <sup>say 2 months</sup> before  
the ~~unsuccessful~~ Surrender. At the time last  
referred to the said Rewalt - was an acting  
Wagon Master, and had charge of a Brigade  
of Wagons, this deponent was a Carpenter  
by trade and while in the Army was engaged  
in his profession, as such Mechanic and often  
employed in repairing Wagons, and from  
this circumstance he then remembers  
the said Rewalt having been employed  
by him to repair his Wagons. & further  
he says not.

Wt. Det Ogden,

Castle <sup>his</sup> Dains  
Mark

The word "was" in the 13 line and the words  
"he saw the said Rewalt" in the 17<sup>th</sup> line & the  
words "being" & "say 2 months" in the 21<sup>st</sup> line inserted before being corrected

The Within Affidavit Subscribed by Making his mark  
 and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace  
 in & for the Town of Jerusalem County of Yates  
 this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1839. and I  
 certify that the deponent Leathes Pains is  
 to me well known and that he is fully satisfied  
 to believe  
*Bentley Shearman*

STATE OF NEW-YORK,  
 YATES COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, } ss.

I, **ABNER WOODWORTH**, Clerk of said county, hereby certify,  
 that *Bentley Shearman* Esquire,  
 before whom the annexed proceedings were had, was, on the days of the  
 dates thereof, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, legally author-  
 ized to act as such: and that I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of  
 the said Justice, and verily believe that his signature, to the annexed certifi-  
 cate, is genuine.

Witness my hand and Official Seal this 24<sup>th</sup>

day of Sept.

1839

*A. Woodworth*

Clerk.

In the matter of  
 the application of  
 Ann Rewalt widow  
 of John Rewalt dec'd  
 for separation under  
 the act of 14<sup>th</sup> July  
 1836.

Supplemental Deposition

Agent  
*John H. H. H.*  
 Schenectady  
 N.Y.

[No. 2.]

Return of Persons employed  
in the Quarter Master General's  
Department under the inspection of  
Robert Patton D. Q. M. General

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT



OF STATE.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I Certify, That the documents numbered one  
and two hereunto annexed are true  
extracts taken from the "Washington  
Papers," now on file in this Depart-  
ment.

In Testimony Whereof, I

*John Forsyth*  
SECRETARY OF STATE of the United States, have hereunto  
subscribed my name, and caused the Seal of the Department  
of State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this *thirteenth*  
day of *September* A. D. 1839,  
and of the Independence of the United States of America the  
*Sixty-fourth*.

*John Forsyth*

"Return of Persons employed  
in the Quarter Master General's  
Department under the Inspection of  
Robert Patton D. Q. M. General  
at Lebanon, Pennsylvania 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 1779.

* * * * *				
Assistants D. Q. M. General.				d
Names & Number	Where Stationed	Pay in Dollars for month		d
		Wages	Subsist <sup>ce</sup>	
John Rewalt	Lebanon	80	10	d
* * * * *				

Copy

J. L. Edwards Esq  
Commissioner of Pensions  
War Department  
Washington  
D.C.

Schenectada August 14<sup>th</sup> 1839

To J. L. Edwards, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Commissioner of Pensions

Sir

In compliance with the requisition contained in your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> ult. I return herewith sundry papers to your office in the matter of the application of Ann Rewalt widow of John Rewalt for a pension under the act of 4<sup>th</sup> July '36. I beg leave to submit whether the following testimony has not been made out in this case.

1<sup>st</sup> as to the Marriage. Mr and Mrs Rewalt were married while he was engaged in military duties in the midst of a war in which every citizen of suitable age voluntarily or by compulsion served his country in some department, and when records of civil affairs were generally neglected, e.g. the records of the Dutch (the only) Church in Schenectada, contain not a single entry of a marriage from 1775 to 1783 yet before and subsequent to the war, the record of marriages is perfect. After record evidence the next best proof she has adduced, as follows. Martin Hendig swears that he knew Mr & Mrs Rewalt as husband & wife since 1786 and that their son John was then 8 years of age, Joshua Lee testifies that said son in 1837 appeared to be 55 or 60 years of age, Castle Daines aged 88 & a pensioner confirms the fact of their marriage before the expiration of Rewalt's services.

2<sup>d</sup> As to the services of John Rewalt. Apart from the widow's testimony traditionary proof of the service of John Rewalt as an Officer is given by Martin Hendig who was at the time of his service, a resident of Pennsylvania, also by Joshua Lee. The above named Castle Daines swears that in the fall of 1776, he knew John Rewalt as an orderly sergeant in the "Flying Camp" Pennsylvania line in active service at Whiteplains &c & saw him again in 1780 & 1781 on duty as a Brigade Wagon Master or as will appear in the sequel as Apt. Deputy Wagon Master General. And after the war, he renewed his acquaintance with said Rewalt & thus we have proof of his identity.

The daughter of Rewalt swears that several original receipts & other documents explaining her father's services were seen by her, & that the same were left in the hands of Aaron Remer Esq<sup>r</sup> who himself testifies that he has lost or mislaid them. The papers that have been saved from destruction & loss & herewith returned are to the following effect.

Voucher A (not signed) alludes to 4 Months service in "the Flying camp" aforesaid as Lieutenant after his service as an orderly Sergeant in said "Flying Camp" sworn to by Castle Daines, say for the months of September October, November and December 1776.

Voucher B shows that Rewalt received the appointment of a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Militia in July 1777.

By Voucher C he is recognized in September 1778 by Hugh Lusk as a Captain or enlisting Officer. For the grade of Mr Lusk (which does not appear from this voucher) I would refer to a certain document which when last in your city I discovered in the Office of the Keeper of the Archives, Department of State in Vol. 3. Washington's papers - labelled "provis. Ret." - Here will be found the name of "Hugh Lusk, Dep. Wag. Mr. General"

By Voucher E he is recognized 6<sup>th</sup> April 1779 as a Wagon Master

By Voucher D he is recognized in general terms as a Military "Officer" May 13<sup>th</sup> 1779

I have in addition discovered and beg leave to refer thereto in substantiation of this claim, a document in the aforesaid office at Washington, in which John Rewalt is recognized not only as belonging to the Wagon Master General's Department, but actually serving in the high grade of Assistant Dep<sup>y</sup>. Wagon Master General on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1779, at Lebanon Pennsylvania & receiving pay at the rate of \$80. per month. The conclusion cannot be resisted that he served in this grade in 1780 and 1781 when Castle Daines saw him in actual service in the Wagon Master General's Department. I am confident that other and additional documentary proof of the character last adverted to, is to be found in said Office, among the returns made to Genl Washington as Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Army.

In regard to his name in the Lieutenant's Commission, being written with a B instead of an R. I would remark that his original signature to Voucher E looks as much like B. as R. this also may be said in reference to the address in Voucher D [Rewalt.]

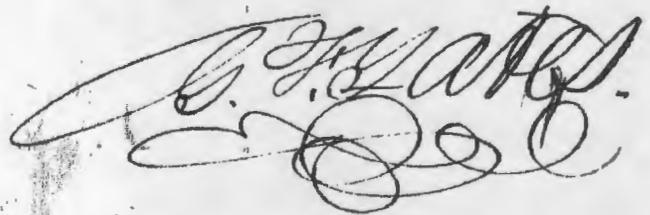
It is doubtless a clerical error induced by

*manner*

the peculiar of Mr Rewalt's writing his name.

It strikes me that the claim set up by his widow has been substantiated, not perhaps with the utmost completeness of proof, but in a strong circumstantial manner, and in the best manner that can with reason be expected, taking into the account the loss of vouchers & documents, and the death of witnesses who if living might have sworn positively to his services. I think it clearly appears that John Rewalt served at least three years in the Department of the Wagon Master or Quarter Master General and for two years of that time as an Asst. Deputy Wagon Master General. And I flatter myself that a review of this case will result in a favorable decision for the poor widow.

I am with respect,  
Your Obt. Servant



P.S. I will procure the documentary evidence in the State Department if demanded

Yours truly  


*Affidavit of  
Castle Dains*

{ This proves service,  
-but of no particular  
duration.

State of New York  
Yates County

Castle James, being duly sworn deposes  
and says he is now eighty eight years of age, and  
now resides in the town of Jerusalem, County of  
Yates & State of New York, in which town he has resided  
for fifty years last past. That he was a soldier in  
the revolutionary war, and now receives a pension  
as such. This Depoant says that in the fall of the  
year 1776, while the American Army were stationed at  
& near New York, he saw & became acquainted with John  
Rowall. Said Rowall was at that time an officer & dependent  
thinks was orderly Sergeant, and belonged to the Pennsylvania  
- militia troops, and thinks was attached to the "Flying Camp"  
under General Mercer. That said Rowall was in active service  
and was engaged in the battle of Red Bank. That soon after  
the engagement at Red Bank, the portion of the Army  
to which Rowall belonged, crossed over the North  
River, into New Jersey, and that this Depoant saw nothing  
more of said Rowall, untill the year 1780 or 81, when he  
saw him in the Army, in New Jersey, and at that time  
said Rowall had charge of a brigade of Waggons, as  
Waggon Master or Captain, was informed by said Rowall  
at this time that he had married since he last saw  
him. This Depoant further says that he (this Depoant) was  
a mechanic and while in the Army was frequently employ-  
- ed as such and often in repairing Waggons. This Depoant  
further says that he saw nothing more of the aforesaid  
Rowall for a number of years (say twenty or twenty five). When  
he again met with him in the County of Yates, (this Ontario)  
State of New York, at which time they renewed their acquai-  
- intance, which was continued, untill the time of his death  
which took place in the year 1822, Depoant was on terms of  
intimacy with said Rowall at this time, and frequently con-  
- versed with <sup>him</sup> about the war, and has no doubt that he was  
the same man, with whom he was acquainted in the  
revolutionary Army. Depoant further says that the said  
John Rowall was the husband of Madam Mary Rowall  
that he knows of no other persons of that name, and that

She now resides in the town of Milo, County of Yates  
& State of New York, at the place her husband resided  
at the time of his death, and further this deponent  
saith not,

The letters "ga" and the word "hain" inserted  
before being executed

Castle's Dains  
Main

Subscribed by making his mark  
and sworn to before me, a Justice  
of the Peace for the Town of Jerusalem  
this first day of January 1838.  
and I do hereby certify that  
the deponent is a Compulsor  
under the Act of the 1st of 1838.

STATE OF NEW-YORK,  
YATES COUNTY,

I, Abner Woodworth } ss.  
Clerk of the said County of Yates,  
do hereby certify that Martin Quick, Esquire  
before whom the annexed affidavit was  
taken, was at the time of taking the same an acting Justice  
of the Peace in and for said county, sworn  
and duly authorised by law to act as such, that I am acquainted with his  
hand writing, and verily believe his signature to the annexed certificate to be genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said county and of the  
Court of Common Pleas thereof, this 1st day of January 1838,  
Abner Woodworth Clerk.

Affidavit of  
Castle's Dains

This proves service  
-but of no particular  
duration.

She now resides in the town of Mills, County of Yates  
State of New York at which place her husband resided  
at the time of his death, and further this Depoant  
saith not,

The letter "ge" and the word "been" inserted  
before being executed

Castle's Dains  
mark

Subscribed by making his mark  
and sworn to before Mr. a Justice  
of the Peace for the Town of Jerusalem  
this first day of January 1838.  
and I do hereby certify that  
the depoant is a competent  
Witness of good character & fully  
entitled to credit, and that he  
is to me well known Martin Quirk J.P.

hand writing, and verily believe his signature to be the same as the above

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said county and of the  
Court of Common Pleas thereof, this Sixth day of January 1838.

Abner Woodworth Clerk.

Affidavit of  
Castle Dains

This proves service  
-but of no particular  
duration.

Wm Van Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1837

I sometime since wrote to you informing you that I had regularly forwarded the original declaration of Mrs Bewalt in accordance with your request and if no answer by you must have miscarried. I have no copy of said declaration and if it is lost it is not possible to <sup>procure</sup> an exact copy. The last declaration however contains all the facts with some additional ones that were set forth in the first one forwarded. If any further action upon the claim is intended by you and the claim is waiting its regular course in accordance with the rules of your office I have nothing to say. If however you intend no further action you will confer a favor upon the claimant by returning the papers to me as Mrs Bewalt is anxious to lay her claims before Congress satisfied that she will obtain relief from that honorable body and we wish to prepare the papers before the meeting of the regular session of Congress and forward them by our Rep. Mr J. Andrews. If however it be inconsistent with your general rules to give a final decision before that time we will wait with pleasure with the pleasing hope that our examination of the last papers sent will lead to favourable decisions.

I am with much Respect

Your obedient servant

D. A. G. Lee

Wm James L. Edwards

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Aug 15  
P.M.  
M. J. Lee

Hon. J. I. Edwards  
Comm. P.M.  
War Department  
Washington

From Yarn Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1837

My dear Sir I have been shown by J. &  
L. your letter to him of Augt  
? in relation to the claim for pension  
lately made by Mrs. John Bewick  
from an intimate acquaintance with  
the claimant in this case  
I feel some considerable anxiety  
for her success. I have no doubt  
but she is entitled to the benefit of  
the Law of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and it would  
afford me much satisfaction could  
she obtain it. She is a woman of the strictest  
integrity has been my personal acquaintance  
with her until the present time a space  
of about 28 years. She was a character  
above reproach and of vigorous health  
I would take her word as being true  
unfalsably in all things. She is old, very old,  
now out almost with the cries of virgin  
a wife a large & respectable family she is now  
81<sup>st</sup> ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~age~~ ~~of~~ ~~81~~ ~~years~~ ~~and~~ ~~could~~ ~~she~~ ~~obtain~~ ~~the~~  
benefit of the Law of July 4 1836. It would  
afford a compensation the remainder of her  
life. I do not doubt that she was  
married as she states she was during  
the war. I was very intimately acquainted with  
her son John Bewick & if he was her  
son & unquestionable he was, she must  
have been married a long time for at least  
he was as old a man as 56 years. This  
age she sets him down at Mrs. Lammie  
who is her daughter has lived my next  
neighbor for 12 or 15 years is a woman  
of unimpaired health & she is now

the mother of children who have families, and is a woman of 50 years old I should think. That John Russell heard, was a revolutionary soldier. I have not a doubt he was as firm & honest a man as any kind was ever sold and what makes me know otherwise he was actually sold, is because I have heard him say over of other who was also as sold in account this adventure, the old men would soon be filled with a holy enthusiasm as they thus fought over of aim the battles they seemed to take real satisfaction in falling <sup>on</sup> the revolutionary stones and I have listened for hours to their deeds thus recounted. I do truly believe Mrs Russell is entitled to possession to look upon her to know her & then to hear her story now would doubt it. It is hard to bring direct proof in cases like this, I really cannot inquire how it is to close and I think when history is published which remain <sup>very</sup> doubts & whether every the reader of honesty on their face although it is not positive to money, it ought to be sufficient. I believe this is the intention of the law, otherwise every a worthy soldier & soldier wife would be precluded from all participation in the country or rather the justice of the government so far as my influence will go. I give assurance that this is a genuine honest claim I have conversed with Mrs Russell in relation to it and advised her to present it and believe me she is entitled to it. The law was made by her & such as her & I do hope you will

to execute your duty in this case  
to give her what was meant for her by  
the law. I have had occasion to know  
that your situation is by no means an  
easy one. You have to investigate claims  
both good & bad. You have to be  
sound upon & draw caution & scrutiny  
is necessary. But I hope that in cases  
where the vindication of honesty is apparent  
that the old widows whose cases of all  
others it is most difficult to maintain  
only, will not be found down to  
thrust position profit by giving to this  
claim of Mrs. Remick your favourable  
consideration you will do good to one  
who has in her sphere done good to all  
Americans, (for she is truly a Mother of  
the Revolution) and will confer a special  
favor on your friend & brother.

Yours truly  
James Du



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To Mr Van August 5<sup>th</sup> 1837

Sir

Your letter of date "August 1<sup>st</sup>" is received and I herewith enclose the original declaration of Mrs Rawalt. The reason of its not being sent with the last papers was the suspicion I had received from your communication of 10<sup>th</sup> July that the other papers, being not properly authenticated, that we must commence anew and accordingly procured an entire new set of papers.

I did cherish a hope that some new light had been thrown upon the claims by additional papers and affidavits last year. I did think that the testimony was so strong, although perhaps not positive as to remove all doubts which might before have existed as to the justice of the claims. There is no doubt of its justice in fact although time with its destroying hand may have obliterated the testimony by which we are or can legally establish it. The seditious of the revolution are mostly dead, the living proof has by this means been cut off and the circumstances of the marriage the times being truly "revolutionary times" in which the marriage took place, and the time which has intervened since then makes it difficult if not impossible to bring positive proof in this or similar cases. Record evidence (if it that to which you refer in your last) of the birth & age of Mrs Rawalt's eldest son & child, cannot by possibility be obtained. No record of the fact was made, and Mrs Rawalt knows not whether there was a parish register kept or not. She thinks there was none as she never heard of it. The evidence of Mrs Lawrence who is a sister to this John Rawalt's second, and the affidavit of Martin Rindig

and the testimony of Mrs Bewall herself  
is to my mind the strongest proof the case  
will admit of and with us who now acquan-  
ted with said John Bewall son of claimant  
it amounts to positive proof

The declaration of Mrs Bewall was drafted by  
me, was taken all most verbatim & set down  
as she dictated it to me & while she was by my  
side Judge Master added some little  
you will perceive by reference to the last one  
sent you therefore has <sup>your own</sup> story & she is to  
old to go to God, not to say too unskilled in matters  
of this sort, to fabricate a tale in order to procure  
a little pittance. She is indeed poor is much  
in need of the bounty to which she thinks she is  
legally & justly entitled but with or without it she  
will soon be gathered to her fathers & sleep the sleep  
of death if her claim could be supported & made  
out it might make her last days peace full  
& comfortable but if she has is too unfortunate as  
to fail she will submit to the decision without  
a murmur for her trust is in things above earth  
which no circumstances can disappoint

The claim was originally set up at the request of  
Dan Stone Lee our Member of Congress. He was  
well & intimately acquainted with John Bewall her  
-asid & with the claimant & from her story he  
said she was entitled to a pension & by making  
the strongest proof in our power he thought she  
could obtain one without a doubt and he still  
cherish the hope that upon a view of all the  
testimony you will come to a favourable  
conclusion. excuse my thus troubling you. I know  
the dreams of Mrs Bewall her goodness her purity & her  
necessities, and am the more anxious that she may  
succeed with great respect I am

J. Edwards

Your Obedt Servant

J. J. Snyder

P. I have by reference to the enclosed declaration that <sup>the</sup> name  
of the claimant is spelled "Bewall" the "a" is sounded in the pro-  
-nunciation but Mrs Bewall says that it is spelled with an "e" which  
of an "a" "e" takes the sound of "a" I believe in nearly all dutch names  
D. J. E.

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Affidavit  
of Aaron Remer

State of New York  
Saratoga County

Sworn deposes that he is aged fifty two years, is now a resident of the town of Benton County of Yates and State of New York & has been a resident of <sup>the same place</sup> ~~Saratoga~~ County for thirty years last past, that he was well acquainted with John Rawalt deceased - That it was generally reported and believed that said Rawalt was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and that this deponent has no doubt that such was the fact, that said Rawalt was much respected as a man, Citizen and neighbor - That some time in the year Eighteen hundred & Eighteen said Rawalt delivered to this deponent certain papers for the purpose of making an effort to get a pension for services performed in the Revolutionary Army - That said papers had relation to said Rawalt's services as a Wagon Master in said Army - That amongst others this deponent particularly recollects several receipts purporting to have been given to said Rawalt as Wagon Master of some Brigade division or part (and deponent cannot particularly remember what) of the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary Army. That said papers were never forwarded or acted upon by said Rawalt or deponent, but that said papers were mislaid or lost & that deponent has made diligent search & has not been able to find them - That deponent was well acquainted with John Rawalt, son of the said John Rawalt deceased, that he was universally believed to be the son of said John Rawalt deceased, that he lately removed to the State of Illinois & was when he left here a man to appearance fifty five or sixty years of age and further saith not

Aaron Purves

*the words "the same place" interlined by  
the words "said County" erased  
before signing*

Signed & sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1837 by the said Aaron Purves who is to me personally known & I certify that he is a credible witness fully entitled to credits  
C. Sere Norton  
Justice of the Peace

Affidavit  
of Judge Lee

State of New York  
& County of Yates }  
I, Joshua Lee, being duly  
sworn, depose & say, that he is aged fifty two  
years and now a resident of the town of Childs  
County of Yates & State of New York, & that he has  
lived in the same place for thirty years (as)  
past. That he was well & intimately acquainted  
with John Rewalt deceased, and that for a number  
of years previous to his death he was the family  
physician of said Rewalt that it was generally believed  
& reported, that he <sup>the said Rewalt</sup> was a soldier  
of the revolutionary army, & he himself has no doubt of the fact  
that he was an old man when he died, and much  
respected as an honest & upright man, & as a  
neighbor, that the said John Rewalt lived  
with Ann, the present widow of said Rewalt, as  
his wife, and that it was universally be-  
lieved, that the aforesaid John & Ann Rewalt  
were man & wife, and that he himself has no  
doubt that such was the fact. That the chil-  
dren of the said John & Ann are all well advanced  
in life and that their oldest son, John Rewalt, who  
has lately removed to the State of Illinois, is to appear  
-ance, a man between fifty five & sixty years of age,  
that the aforesaid Ann Rewalt has been a single  
-bor. to him ever since the death of <sup>her</sup> husband  
the aforesaid John Rewalt, & that she has never  
been again married, but still continues the widow  
of the said John Rewalt. That the said Ann Rewalt  
is now a very old lady and has always borne  
an impeccable character.

and the word "the said Rewalt"  
and the word "her"

Joshua Lee

inserted before signing  
subscribed sworn before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1857, by the  
said Joshua Lee who is to me  
well known & whom I certify to be  
a credible witness & fully entitled  
to be believed.  
Asa A. Norton

Justice of the Peace

State of New York

Yates County

Charles A. Ogden, being duly sworn, deposes that he is aged 24 years & a resident of the town of Mills County of Yates & State of New York. That sometime in the months of February or March last he went at the request of Mrs. Ann Rawalt to Canandaigua to seek information in relation to some papers left by her husband John Rawalt deceased with A. M. Phelps of that place said papers she represented as left with said Phelps for the purpose of procuring a pension for her husband for his services as a revolutionary soldier. This deponent upon enquiry found that said Stephen Phelps had been removed from Canandaigua some 12 or 15 years, that he went to Illinois & was reported or supposed to be dead, that he left his papers or a portion of them with a Mr. Seymour then Cashier of the Utica Branch Bank located at Canandaigua. That he this deponent went to the Banking house of said Bank & there found a large quantity of papers which had been left or deposited there by the aforesaid Phelps among said papers were a large number relating to pensions. That he assisted in making a careful & diligent search through out all said papers, and could find & that nothing was found relating to John Rawalt or that had his name upon it. This deponent further says that the old papers accompanying this affidavit & signed "Rallywith" "A. Marshall" "Key & Leach" & "M. Key" were found by him among the papers of John Rawalt deceased were in the possession of Mrs. Ann Rawalt the widow of said John Rawalt, that said papers were so found on searching among the papers of her husband at her request on the 15th day of July 1837 and that the paper purporting to create commission

Affidavit of Mr. Ogden

and filled in with the name of Reed also the  
paper purporting to be a discharge, but not signed, and  
filled up with the name of Rowell also the paper  
being the enticement of Hubble were placed in  
his then deponent's hands by the aforesaid Asa  
Rowell in the month of March last for the  
purpose of having them forwarded with other  
papers in order to secure for him the benefits  
of the act <sup>of Congress</sup> passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1835  
+ the words "act of Congress"  
inserted before being executed.

D. Ogden

Subscribed & sworn before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day July 1837 by the said  
D. Ogden who is to me known  
to whom I certify to be a credible  
Witness fully entitled to believe

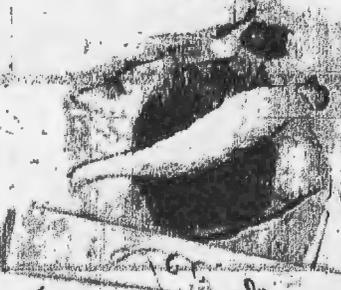
Asa Norton

(Justice of the Peace

State of New York

County of Yates

that Asa Norton  
Signatures appears to  
above affidavits one



I hereby certify

Esquire in whose

the Jurats of the

made by Aaron

Romer, one made by Joshua Lee, one made by Martin

Reidig one made by Chan Lawrence and one made

by Daniel Ogden was on the days of those respective dates

thereof and still is an acting Justice of the Peace in and

for the County of aforesaid dwelling therein and duly authorized

by the Laws of said State to act as such. That I am

well acquainted with his hand writing and verily

do believe his said Signatures are genuine.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto affix

the seal of said County and of the County Courts thereof (my

official seal) at my office in New York the 21<sup>st</sup> day

of July A.D. 1837.

George Shearman Clerk of

Said County and Courts the

same being Courts of Record.

John Marshall 1777

Journal of March 1777  
June 16, 1776-1777

State of New York  
County of Yates &c.

In this certificate the day of  
July in the year eighteen hundred and thirty seven  
personally appeared before me the County of Yates and  
one of the Judges in and for the County of Yates and  
State of New York the same being a resident of  
the town of Alice County of Yates and State of New York  
aged thirty nine years who being first duly  
sworn according to law. doth say he well knows  
the following declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provision made by the act of  
Congress passed July 17, 1786. That he is the  
widow of John Marshall who was a soldier in the  
Revolutionary War; that he never in the different  
grades of private, of sergeant and first lieutenant  
and of Captain; that he served during the whole  
or nearly the whole of the war that he first entered  
the service as a volunteer and that afterwards  
he enlisted in the regular line of said in the  
practice of the State of Pennsylvania; that he was  
engaged in the battle of Brandywine and at the taking  
of the Fort Mifflin; that the armament  
but one officer under whom he served and that  
his name was Peter Patton; his grade Captain  
Private; that his first and last in the rank  
three years of his service he has a receipt of  
a brigade of Mifflin and had stationed at Schuylkill  
Pennsylvania County State of Pennsylvania at that  
time he never before the war and at which place  
he entered the army; that after the war he married  
to him he was frequently away from the service  
on duty and at one time as near as he can recollect  
about five years and a half after the war he married  
with his brigade of Mifflin for the purpose of going  
to and opposing the North River; and that it was his

injection at the time of Marching to remain during  
the winter, but that he was discharged, and returned  
to his station at Lebanon, in the space of two or three  
months, and that after that time, he continued to  
discharge the duties of Major Maister, until the  
close of war, that traces the close of his service  
he was discharged while sick, continued to draw his  
regular rations, that the papers relating to his  
services were in the care of the Revolution, and all  
papers carefully kept by him, until about the  
year 1781, when he had a  
broken of them, one of which was a Captain's Commis-  
sion, which he considered he had after 1781, but  
does not recollect by whom it was deposited, from  
his house, and that to Justice's Office (formerly for  
the purpose of procuring a pension as a Captain  
of the army of the Revolution, that on the 1st  
of 1781 with Charles Denny, who with the papers  
and was to act as his agent in the affair, that  
he had had afterwards called on Lord Denny  
for the purpose of ascertaining what he had done  
& that Denny then told him that he had done  
nothing, but had mislaid or lost or that the Clerk  
had destroyed them the said papers, and  
that since that time the said papers have never  
been found or returned into his possession; that he  
has found again in the year 1781, after his  
return, made an other attempt to receive  
a pension, and that from his house some addi-  
tional papers, and that he has learned some things  
to the War Department, that at this time the  
said a letter in his possession, from the War office, saying  
that he must make oath of the time of his settlement  
the office under oath - he denied and the better  
in which he was engaged, that he does do and  
with said paper to Mr. Phelps, to be forwarded to