

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Hamilton W13402
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Elizabeth Hamilton NY

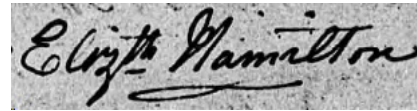
State of New York }
City and County of New York }

On this twenty seventh day of November 1837 personally appeared before me Samuel Jones Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the State of New York in and for the City and County of New York – Elizabeth Hamilton a resident of the said City aged 79 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 Third Section of the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Alexander Hamilton deceased, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army of the United States in virtue of a Commission from the Congress of the Confederation bearing date the first day of March 1777. That her said husband served in the family of General Washington as aid de Camp until the Sixteenth day of February 1781 when he resigned his situation as aid, but retained his Commission, and in August of the same year was appointed to the command of a Corps of Light Infantry – was at the head of the American party which stormed one of the Redoubts at Yorktown [10 Oct 1781] and continued in the army until the third day of November 1783, about which time he received by a Resolution of Congress a Brevet as Colonel, having served in a Military Capacity since the 14th day of March 1776 on which day he was commissioned a Captain of Artillery.

She further declares that she was married to the said Alexander Hamilton on the 14th of December 1780. That, Her aforesaid Husband died on the 11th of July 1804, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S. Jones Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the City of New York



NOTES:

The file includes a copy of the following marriage records from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of Albany:

1780

- Decb'r 14 Richard Lush & Lyntje Fonda
Colonel Hamilton & Elisabeth Schuyler
17 Joh's Shultes & Margareta Jacobs

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Alexander Hamilton dated 9 July 1804, two days before his duel with Vice President Aaron Burr, in which Hamilton was mortally wounded. A transcription of the will can be found at

<http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Hamilton/01-26-02-0001-0259>.

A document dated 1 Feb 1840 certifies that the following were the heirs of Alexander Hamilton: Elizabeth Hamilton, his wife, James A. Hamilton, John C. Hamilton, William S. Hamilton, Angelica Hamilton, Eliza Holly wife of Sidney a. Holly, and Philip Hamilton. A letter dated 3 March 1840 notes the omission of Alexander Hamilton from the list of heirs.

On 12 Jan 1813 Elizabeth Hamilton applied for bounty land.