

Pension Application for Albert Acker or Acher

R.15 (Wife: Sarah)

Albert Acher (62 years) Groveland in the State of N. York, was a private in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gansvoort of the N. York [piece missing] for the term of 3 yrs (or the war) 1776. Entered on the Roll of N. York at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence on the 24th of May 1819. Certificate of Pension issued the 22d of June 1822 and sent to O. Seymour Esqr. Canandaigua, NY. Arrears to the 4th of March 1822 267.09. Semi anl. All'ce ending 4 Sept. 1822 48.00. [piece missing] yrs. 9 mos. 12/31\$315.09. Revolutionary Claim Act 18th March, 1818 & May 1820. Livingston Co.

Case of Albert Acker. Albert Acker Prv. Col. Gansvoort Regt 1776. 3 yrs or for the war. Not found on N. York rolls. 3 N.Y. Regiment Co2? May 1819 mustered March 1779. Deserted March 1, 1781. Admitted. Groveland Livingston Co'y.

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this 24th day of May 1819 before me the subscriber a Judge of Ontario's Commonpleas personally appeared Albert Acker aged fifty nine years, resident in the Town of Groveland in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Navel Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he the said Albert Acker Enlisted in the spring of the year 1776 as he then supposed for three years on the Continental Estab't but learned by his officers afterward that he was Returned for during the war that he was enlisted in the Town of Pokupsey [Poughkeepsie] in the State of New York by a Recruiting Officer called Captain Swartwort (1) and mustered to Albany and was then marched and served in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Teabout (2) in the 3d New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Gansvoort and that he continued to serve in said Corps until some time in the year 1782 when he received a furlough to return home and was not again called on again until Peace was ratified and that he sold his right to bounty lands before he left the army to Captain Blaker (3) and has since been informed that the land in his right has been drawn as a during war man, and that he was in the Battles of Bemis Hight, Fort Stanwix (4) and in Sullivan's Expedition (5) against the Indians and that he is in reduced circumstances and unable to labour on account of ill health and in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed with his mark) Albert Acker

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Stephen Phelps a Judge &c.
Letter responding to a request for information, dated August 12, 1924.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.15, it appears that Albert Acker or Acher was born in 1760.

He applied for pension May 24, 1819, while living in Groveland, Ontario County, New York, and stated that he enlisted at Poughkeepsie, New York, in the spring of 1776, served in Captain Henry Tiebout's Company, Colonel Gansevoort's Third New York Regiment, was in the battles of Bemis Heights, Fort Stanwix and in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition and served until some time in 1782 when he was furloughed to return home and not again called out.

He was improperly allowed pension as upon an examination of the rolls of the Third New York Regiment, received after the allowance of pension, it was found that he enlisted in March 1779 and deserted March 1, 1781. He died June 10, 1832 in Groveland, New York.

Soldier married at Pepper Cotton, Sussex County, New Jersey, July 17, 1786, Sarah Hart who was born October 17, 1779. Her claim for pension, executed May 26, 1845, while a resident of said Groveland, was not allowed for the reason that her husband was a deserter.

Their children were:

Anna B. born May 10, 1786, married July 18, 1806 to Stephen Banker.

Silas born January 24, 1791, married May 18, 1814 to Elisabeth McClenen.

John born April 20, 1792.

Henry born October 15, 1794, married September 15, 1819 to Mary Holden.

Francis born October 15, 1797, married September 30, 1819 to Permely Pond.

Nathan born October 30, 1799.

Elisabeth born June 25, 1802, married January 11, 1819 to John Neukerk (?)

Samuel born October 21, 1804.

Pemelia (Parmelia) born February 2, 1807.

Albert born January 30, 1811.

Levy (Levi) born May 16, 1813.

Sarah Anna born April 16, 1820.

Note: see NY Archives Vol. 1. P. 207 for this man's record & date of desertion. Did not mention John Acker who died in Oct 1770 as relationship is not stated. Did not give 1767 as date of soldier's birth as too young for service then & he states in 1819 he was 59 & in 1822 he was 62.

End Notes—R.15—Albert Acker

1. Abraham Swartwout was appointed Captain of the Fourth Company on November 21, 1776 in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
2. Henry Tiebout was appointed Captain of the Seventh Company in November 21, 1776 in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment. According to Captain Tiebout's Muster Rolls Albert was mustered in March of 1779 for during war. Albert is not listed in Tiebout's Company or the regiment before March of 1779. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, Folder 47, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Albert is probably referring to Captain Leonard Bleecker. On January 1, 1781, the First and Third New York Continental Regiments were consolidated into one regiment. Captains Bleecker, Tiebout and Aaron Aorson were transferred to the First New York along with the enlisted men that still had time left to serve. Albert is still listed as serving in Captain Tiebout's Company. He is listed as deserting on March 1, 1781. According to the muster rolls he never returned to finish his enlistment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, Folder 15, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. As Albert did enlist into the Third New York until 1779, he could not have been at the Battle of Bemis Heights on September 19, 1777 or the Siege of Fort Schuyler (which was Fort Stanwix) in August of 1777. After Major General Benedict Arnold raised the Siege at Fort Schuyler, he left the First New York at the fort to reinforce the garrison at the fort which was the Third New York. If any of the First and Third New York did return to Saratoga with General Arnold it would have been a small detachment unfortunately the muster rolls for both regiments do not show that any men from these regiments had been detached for that service.
5. In 1779 the Third New York with other regiments went with Brigadier General James Clinton and joined forces with Major General John Sullivan. Together they attacked and destroyed the Iroquois Village in the western part of New York.