

Pension Application for Abner Amsdill or Amsdell

S.45210

State of New York

Niagara County SS.

On the 2d day of May 1818 before me Samuel Wilkenson one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Niagara personally appeared Abner Amsdill aged fifty nine years to me know 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 naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.”

That he the said Abner enlisted in the month of April 1777 into Capt Daniel Shays company in the fifth regiment of the Massachusetts line of continental troops commanded by Col Rufus Putnam that the term of his enlistment was for three years, the place in the State of Massachusetts that he continued to serve in said regiment the full term of three years as a soldier until the first day of April 1780 when he was honorably discharged from the service by Lieut Co. Ezra Newhall at Soldiers [?] on the highlands in the State of New York, that he afterwards enlisted into Capt [Servalls?] Company in the 2d regiment of the Massachusetts line commanded by Col Sprout where I served as a soldier until the end of the war and was honorably discharged there from at West Point in the state of New York.

That he was in the battle at Bemus’ heights & in several skirmishes, during the war in one of which he was wounded by a bayonet in his body.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support that the discharge he received for the first three years service is herewith forwarded and that the other discharge is lost, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service. That he is a citizen of the United States and resides in Hamburg in the State of New York. (Signed) Abner Amsdill

Sworn and declared to before me the day and year aforesaid. Saml Wilkeson,
Judge Niagara Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated December 15, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.45210, that Abner Amsdill (pensioned as Amsdell) enlisted in Greenwich, Massachusetts in April 1777 and served in Captain Daniel Shay’s Company, Colonel Rufus Putnam’s Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, was in the battle of Bemis Heights, and was discharged April 1, 1780, from the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment. He afterwards enlisted and served in Captain Sewall’s Company Colonel Sprout’s Massachusetts Regiment, and served until close of the war. He stated that he was in several skirmishes, one of which he was wounded by a bayonet in his body.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he was living in Hamburg, New York, and was aged fifty-nine years.

In 1820, he stated that his wife, Susannah, was aged seventy-two Years. In 1861, his son Abner stated that the soldier died in Hamburg, New York the last of July or first of August 1846. There are no further data as to family.