

**Pension Application for Abraham Arndt, Lieutenant**

W.20639 (Widow: Anna)

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of New York  
County of Montgomery SS.

On this 27th day of February 1841 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County in the said State Anna Arndt a resident of the town of Minden in said County aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Abraham Arndt who was an officer (1) in the Army of the Revolution and served as set forth in the accompanying documents. This declarant is unable to specify the particulars of the service of her said husband of her own personal knowledge as she was not married to him until after the said war of the revolution, but she has reason to believe that reference being had to records in the war department and the documents herewith accompanying evidence will appear of the services of her said husband and on which she rests her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Arndt on the nineteenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one. That her husband the aforesaid Abraham Arndt died on the third day of September in the year eighteen hundred and twenty five. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four viz: at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Anna Arndt

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Stephen Yates, Judge of Montgomery County Courts of the degree of Counselor in the Supreme Court.

State of New York  
Fulton County SS

On this 22nd day of February 1841 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Marcus Duesler who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that he is seventy seven years of age and is a pensioner of the United States for services rendered in the war of the revolution. That he was well acquainted with Abraham Arndt during the said war and until his death that he this deponent was a private soldier in the company of Captain Joseph House and served under him in the campaigns of 1779, 1780, and 1782 as appears by records in the comptrollers office of this state and that the said Abraham Arndt was a commissioned officer and served with him this deponent in said company in each and every of the said campaigns that he has reason to believe that the name is misspelt on the comptrollers books as there was no officer in Captain House's Company by the name of Merndt nor did this deponent ever know an officer by that name and further he says not. (Signed) Marcus Dusler

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year above mentioned. Thomas R. Benedict Justice

State of New York  
Fulton County SS.

I John J. Wack above named do depose and swear that I hold the office of Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Fort Plain in the county of Montgomery. That the church records are in my charge and keeping and that the above is a true extract from the records of said church with the exception above named as certified by me. That I am master of the German as well as of the English language & that the following is a true translation of the aforesaid record into the English language from the German. [The German was not transcribed.]

*June 19th 1791 Abraham Arndt (2) & Anna Vanderwerken Daughter of Albert Vanderwerken were joined in the Bonds of Matrimony. (Signed ) Jno. J. Wack*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 30th day of January 1841. Thomas R. Benedict Justice of the Peace.

State of New York  
Fulton County SS.

On this 25th day of February 1841 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said county. Henry Sitts who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that he is Eighty Six years of age and is a pensioner of the United States for services rendered during the Revolutionary War. That he was well acquainted with Abraham Arndt during the said war and until his death that he this deponent was ordered and marched to Oriskany with the Tryon County Militia in August 1777 (3) and that Abraham Arndt (4) was also in the

same detachment and performed the tour as a commissioned officer at the battle of Oriskany viz as an ensign (5) in the Company of Captain Copeman, if the memory of this deponent serves him the length of the tour this deponent has forgotten and further he says not. (Signed with his mark) Henry Sitts.

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 25th February 1841 Thomas R. Benedict Justice.

End Notes—W.20639—Abraham Arndt

1. Abraham was commissioned ensign in Captain Abraham Copeman's Sixth Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia on June 25, 1778. He probably was appointed ensign in late 1775 or early 1776. The captain and lieutenants were appointed on August 26, 1775 but ensigns were not appointed on August 26, 1775, but ensigns were not appointed to any of the nine companies for this regiment on that date. On October 19, 1779, Captain Copeman was promoted to major. First Lieutenant Jost or Joseph House was appointed captain of this company and he was commissioned on March 4, 1780. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Abraham was commissioned the second lieutenant of the company. According to Captain Houses' Receipt Roll dated "Canajohary District Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 1784" Abraham had the following certificates: 10921 for £ 25. . 9. . 5, 1097 for £ 21. . 1. . \_\_\_and 11019 for £ 1 . . 3. . 10. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. In the German part next to Abraham's name is written widower.
3. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
4. On June 8, 1853, John Arndt, aged 60 years, applied for any remaining unpaid pension. He states that Abraham died on August 30, 1825 and Anna died on October 23, 1848.
5. In 1784 the name of Tryon County was changed to Montgomery County. On October 2, 1786, Abraham Arndt was appointed lieutenant in Captain Joseph Houses's Eighth Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant James Cannon's Regiment of Montgomery County Militia.

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