

## Pension Application for Isaac Babcock

W.20666 (Widow: Mary)

B.L.Wt.27596-160-55

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this nineteenth day of November in the year AD 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] now sitting Isaac Babcock, a resident of the town of Haverstraw, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first of May, in the year 1777, at Haverstraw aforesaid, he volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. John Garner, in a regiment commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, and served in said company under one engagement until sometime in the month of December following, making seven months service, that during the service aforesaid he guarded at Stony Point, at the Long Clove, at different places along the Hudson River from Haverstraw, and along Nyack, to Sneedens Landing, and when the British Army camp up to take Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] they took a number of Blankets and other baggage from them near Stony Point.

That on or about the first of April 1778, he again volunteered his services in the aforesaid company, and served therein under one engagement until sometime in the month of November following making seven months service, that during the said last mentioned services, they first guarded a while at Haverstraw, then marched to Clarkstown, where they was doing guard duty there and at the river at Nyack, then marched to Tappan Town, where they lay doing guard duty and often going out on Scouting parties to Closter Liberty Pole and Schratenberg [Scrattenberg?] in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, then returned to Clarkstown, then to Nyack, then to Haverstraw, and back to Nyack as the British Vessels moved up or down the river.

Then about the middle of April 1779, he again volunteered his services in the aforesaid company, and served under one engagement, until about the last of November, making not less than seven months, that during the said engagement they was most of the time stationed as a guard at different places in the now town of Haverstraw, as the British army was in possession of Stony Point (except a short time when it was taken by Gen'l Wayne a strong guard was kept to prevent them from sallying out to plunder the inhabitants and destroy the place, and was stationed at Bevins's at the old dock and at a station about one and a half miles west of Stony Point, they were also two or three times for a short time a guarding along the river at Nyack.

That in the spring of the year 1780 about the first of May, he again volunteered his services in the aforesaid company. (At Haverstraw aforesaid) and served until sometime in the month of September, served not less than four months--

That again on or about the first of April 1781, he again entered the service in the aforesaid company and served therein four months, that is that he first served until about the first of June, that then he was permitted to go home for a few days and was at home not exceeding ten days, when he again entered the service and served one month when by the permission of his officers he again sent home and there remained about three weeks that then he again returned to his duty and served not less than six weeks when he again left the service.

That he did continue frequently during the remainder of the year and during the year 1782 to do guard duty in the said company, but not being able to state the precise periods he doth hereby relinquish any claim for the same.

That he was born in the now town of Haverstraw aforesaid on the fourth day of July 1760, agreeable to the record of his parents as by them related to him—that he has no other record of his age. That he has from his infancy to this time always resided in the town of Haverstraw aforesaid.

That he always volunteered his services.

That he was in company with Gen'l Washington, Putman, Clinton, and Wayne whose troops were occasionally stationed at Haverstraw where he served.

That he never received a discharge in writing for any of his above recited services.

That he is personally known to Judge Allison, Matthew Benson, Joseph B. Allison, John Springsted and many other citizens of the county who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services.—

That he served as a private in all his above recited services, and was not employed in any civil pursuit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity[y], except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Babcock

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. David Pye, Clerk.

Letter in file dated May 18, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Isaac Babcock who probably enlisted at Stony Point, New York.

You are furnished herein the record of the only soldier named Isaac Babcock, of New York State, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.20666, based upon his service in the Revolution.

Isaac Babcock was born July 4, 1760, in Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

He volunteered about May 1, 1777, at Haverstraw, New York, as a private in Captain John Gardner's Company, Colonel A. Hawkes Hay's New York Regiment, engaged in guarding Stony Point and other places along the Hudson River; he served from the early spring until late in the fall of each of the years, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1782, under the above-named officers and part of the time under Captains William Kears, and Peter Allison, length of entire service more than two years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 19, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Haverstraw, New York.

He died in Haverstraw, New York, July 11, 1837 or in 1839, (both dates are shown in the claim).

Isaac Babcock married April 25, 1784 in Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, Mary Hogenkamp who was born April 11, 1765, place not given.

Soldier's widow, Mary Babcock, was allowed pension on her application executed May 1, 1849, at which time she was a resident of Haverstraw, New York, where she was still residing in 1855. She died January 1, 1857.

The names of the following children of Isaac Babcock and his wife, Mary, are designated, their places of birth not given:

Mary, born March 5, 1785, married in 1806, David Williams who died prior to 1849, when his widow was living in Haverstraw, New York, and was still living there in 1855.

Thomas, born September 10, 1787, and in 1849, a resident of Haverstraw, New York.

Fanny, born June 26, 1790, married at age of twenty-two years, \_\_\_\_\_ McRoy (his given name not stated); in 1849 she was residing in Haverstraw, New York.

It was stated that there were younger children.

The following data are recorded also: "Sally Babcock was born November 10, 1794; my daughter Catharan was born November 10, 1821; my son was born January 5, 1832; Isaac Babcock was born February 22, 1829".

In 1849, soldier's brother, George Babcock, was residing in Haverstraw, New York, aged eighty-three years.

In 1855, one John E. Hogenkamp was Clerk of the County Court of Rockland County, New York, his relationship to soldier's wife, Mary, not stated.