

Pension Application for Abel Belknap

W.12150

Letter in file dated April 25, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, relative to Abel Belknap, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.12150, of Abel Belknap, based upon his military service in the Revolutionary War.

While living in Lyman, Essex County, Massachusetts, he enlisted in 1775, served eight months as a private in Captain Ezra Newhall's company, Colonel Israel Hutchinsons' Massachusetts regiment, and at the end of that service, while in Boston, he reenlisted January 1, 1776, served as a private in Captain Ezra Newhall's company, Colonel Israel Hutchinsons' Massachusetts regiment, was taken prisoner the middle of November, 1776, at the battle of fort Washington and was held by the British in New York until January 1, 1777, when he was released on parole, returned home, and was not exchanged until nearly the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 13, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Genesee County, New York, aged sixty-three years.

In 1819 he was living in Riga Genesee (later called Monroe) County, New York, where he was still living in 1832.

There is no reference in the claim to wife or children.