

## **Pension Application for Abraham Boyce**

S.12259

Marine Court of the City of New York

In the Marine Court of the City of New York held at the City Hall of the said city in and for the said City before the Justices thereof this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Present the Honorable Robert Swanton and John B. Scott Esquires, Justices of the said Court.

City and County of New York SS:

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven personally appeared in open court that is to say before the above named Robert Swanton and John B. Scott Justices of the Marine Court aforesaid in open court the same being a court of record for the said city according to the laws of the State of New York.

Abraham Boyce a resident or inhabitant of said City of New York aged sixty four years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 and the other acts (if any) in such cases made and provided that is to say that sometime in the month of May 1776 he enlisted in Captain Stephen Oakley's Company at Philips' Manor now called Mount Pleasant in the State of New York for nine months he believes in Col. Thomas' Regiment General Scott's Brigade on the Continental Establishment marched to New York and lay in the City of New York at the time the British landed at Staten Island that he served in the above company under Captain Sebert Acker who took the command thereof on the resignation of Captain Oakley who became disabled by fits until the period of his enlistment expired he then enlisted in Captain David Williams' Company (after the war Colonel Williams) Col Hammond's regiment if deponent recollects right for nine months which he served [blot] and after the expiration of this term he enlisted in Captain Pauding's Company of New York Continental Rangers for one year and before the term of his service expired was taken prisoner (while with the guard who guarded a quantity of grain conveying to Reuben Wright's Mills at North Castles' to be ground for the use of the American Army) by the British and confined as a prisoner in the Sugar House in the City of New York where he remained in a state almost of starvation for eleven months was then part of two winters, then exchanged went up to ElizabethTown & then on foot to Fishkill where he enlisted in Col Wisenfelts regiment for nine months and served his time out, while in that regiment went as far as the falls of Niagara and was honorably discharged in 1783 at Marble Town by Col. Wisenfelt at the time of the peace, that his discharge is lost but how he does not know, the applicant has lived since the war at the White Plain, part of the time at Mount Pleasant and part of the time about thirty years of the later part of the time in the City of New York that at the time he was taken prisoner he was wounded with the cut of a Broadsword by an enemies light horseman in the wrist also by a thrust in the side, I was in a skirmish at Young's at Philips's Manor about five miles from TarryTown when Captain Williams was taken prisoner.

Deponent has heretofore made an application for a pension which was rejected & the papers returned which are hereto annexed.

Deponent used to drive a cart and sometimes now does when he feels able to get along but he is diseased [diseased] with Rheumatism and is infirm and weak and unable to work has been going on three years wick, the doctor called it an inflammation on the lungs & liver and has been very low with that disease tho' now somewhat better but he is unable to do a day's work.

Deponent has a wife who will be sixty two years of age in March next she complains a great deal is very weakly and is unable to do any thing more than a little house work.

Deponent has no children and has no means of support save as above mentioned which is slender and by the aid of the General Government or private charity.

Deponent did not renew his application because he was discouraged on the rejection of his first application in addition to which deponent had a little lease hold property the lease of a lot of ground in Spring Street which is expired he also had a lease of a lot in Burroughs Street which has been obliged to abandon.

Deponent saith that if he does not shortly obtain aid he must be obliged to go to the Alms House. He has no other evidences of his services than the annexed affidavits of John Israel and Jacob Van Tassel commonly called Major Van Tassel the affidavit of Edward Hopper and the affidavit of Daniel Carman at Revolutionary Soldier (Signed with his mark) Abraham Boyce

Sworn to and declared this fifth day of February 1827 in open court. John G. Tardy, Clerk