

Pension Application for Peter Boyce or Beiss

W.20735 (Widow: Abby or Abigail) Peter died February 9, 1817. Married "Den seventeenth Mertz one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. In Poukeepsie, nun wohnhaft auf seim Beaverdam , mit Abby Brown, Ehel Tocher, von Josiah Brown weyland, wohnh auf dem Beaverdam"

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) Abby Boyce, or Beiss a resident of the Town of Bethlehem in the said County of Albany aged seventy seven 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 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"—

That she is the widow of Peter Boyce or Beiss, who was a soldier of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served as such in the Second New York Regiment.

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Boyce, or Beiss, on the seventeenth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty six;--that her husband the said Peter Boyce or Beiss died on the ninth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen:--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.

She further declares that her name pervious to her marriage was Abby or Abigail Brown. That she was married in Schoharie by the Rev. Wm Snyder minister of the Dutch Church in that place.

She then resided at a place called Beaverdam—and her husband lived at – place called the Hellebergh—his parents lived in Poughkeepsie—and that never having learned to write she makes a mark for her signature. (Signed with her mark) Abby Boyce

Sworn to & subscribed on the day and year first above written in open court. JG. Wasson Clk.

Letter in folder dated August 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.20735, it appears that Peter Boyce, or Beiss, the son of John, served as a private in the Second New York Regiment. He married December 17, 1786, Abigail, or Abby, the daughter of Josiah Brown. The soldier died at Bethlehem, N.Y. Feb. 9, 1817. She was allowed pension and she died Sept. 26, 1839, leaving 6 children, names not stated. There is not further data as to family.