

Pension Application for Abraham Brower

W.17352 (Widow: Rebecca) Married Nov. 1, 1782. Abraham died Aug 8, 1806.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twentieth day of November 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said county, Rebeca Brower a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in said county, 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 Abraham Brower, who was a private and served during the Revolutionary War as follows.

That in the month of March in the year 1776, her said husband enlisted for three months, at Clarkstown in a company where Gilbert Cooper was Capt. in Col'n Hays Regiment, and after being so enlisted went to New York, and was stationed at a place called Bunkers hill, making fortifications [fortifications] where he remained for some times, was then taken back to Clarkstown, where he remained subject to the command of his officers, until the term of enlistment expired:--

That in the month of July in the year 1776 and about the tenth of the month the British having sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bay, her late husband the said Abraham Brower, then belonging in Capt. Hendrick Tenwies Company in Col'n A. Hawks Hays Regiment, was ordered out to guard along the said river to prevent their landing at Nyack and continued to guard for one month or more until they for a few days—sailed down the river, when he was dismissed [dismissed] to be ready at a minutes warning and after about eight or ten days the British again returned and the said Abraham again was called out, and guarded along the said river at Nyack and continued out on duty for not less than three weeks, when he was again dismissed.

And the said Abraham Brower and Odle Tenure having jointly agreed that hey two should serve as one man for five months in a company whereof Jacob Deronde was Capt. in Col'n Drakes Regiment and the said Odel Tenure agreeing to serve the first half of the said tour commencing on the first of August the said Abraham Brower on the Middle of October 1776 went and joined said company then at Haverstraw, and served until the first of January 1777 in the place of the said Odel Tenure, serving two months and a half.

That in the spring of the year 7777, the men composing Capt. Tenures company, being put into classes, so that the one fourth part of said company should attend as a guard at such place as was most necessary and to serve one week at a time and each to take his town in which manner the said Abraham Brower did served, Commencing as early as the first of April in said year of 1777 and serving one week, and then serving one week in each and every four weeks thereafter until the monthly of December in said year, and making two months in weekly tours, a guarding at some time of the following named places. At the long [?] at Clarkstown, at some station along the river at Nyack at Tappan town at Closer, Schralenberg, or the liberty pole.

That in the year 1778 the said Abraham Brower served from the first of April until the month of December in tours and duty as aforesaid making tow months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1780 the said Abraham Brower served in tours and duty as aforesaid from the first of Apriluntil December making two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1781 the said Abraham Brower served in tours and duty as aforesaid from the first of May until the first of November making one month and a half in weekly tours. That exclusive of the services above set forth the said Abraham did much duty on alarms which she at this late period is unable to set forth with any degree of certainty.

That the services by her above set forth as rendered by her late husband has been done from her present memory of his services as was by him related to her and information from some of his

fellow soldiers and that the annexed testimony is all that she at this late period is able to procure to prove the services rendered by her late husband during the said war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Brower, by the Rev'd Samuel Verbuyck on the first day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty tow; that her husband the aforesaid Abraham Brower died on the eight day of August in the year eighteen hundred and six—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) Rebeca Brower

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court. Abm. Hogenkamp,
Clerk

Clarkstown Dec 16th 1848.

Dear Sir; David Pye Esqr, has just applied to me as Surrogate of the County of Rockland State of New York, for the appointment a guardian for Rebecca Brower who wishes to apply for a pension. Mrs. Brower is represented as a Lunatic or having lost her mind and memory.

Surrogates have power to appoint guardians for minors—but can find no law authoresing [authorizing] them to appoint for Lunatics &c.

In cases of Lunacy in our State a commission must join to try the question of Lunacy and then a committee is appointed to take charge of the Lunatics Estate.

Mr. Pye has just sown me your letter in which you say a guardian must be appointed to make the necessary declaration for her pension.

[?] have any such power by any United States case I am certainly very willing to do the service—or if I am authorized in any way as Surrogate or as Judge of the County Court of our County. I certainly will not refuse. I can find no such authority.

I wish your definite answer to the following question for next mail as our County Court sits on the 2d Janiary [January] next, & Mr. Pye wishes to make application to me either as Surrogate of county Judge at this time.

Question—By whom have these guardians for insane widow been appointed. That how [sic] made application for pension of their decease her lands &c and on file in your office.

I write for this definite answer insomuch as Mr. Pye is not satisfied with my views upon the matter, and was [?][I am wrong I wish myself corrected.

Your immediate answer will very much oblige me and also Mr. Paye. Wm F. Fraser