

Pension Application for Abraham Clark

S.12696

R.2010 (Widow: Rachel) Married November 5, 1770 in Austerlitz, formerly Spencertown, County of Columbia by Rev. Jesse Clark of Spencertown. Rachel states that 11 days after her marriage to Abraham Clark, her son Benjamin was born. Abraham died in September 13th 1834..

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this 20th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared before me Abraham Clark a resident of the Town of Chatham in said County aged ninety four 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 7th 1832.

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

As this applicant best recollects he was drafted to go to Fishkill in the State of New York in Spring of the year 1776 a day or two after he had planted his corn. That he did duty there and near that place for the space of six months, then returned home and on his return froze his feet, lost his corn for want of cultivation and suffered much hardship the following winter.

This applicant states that they marched through the Country to Fishkill and returned the same way. This applicant does not recollect but two officers who commanded this place thinks Colonel Waterman and Captain VanAller were those two.

This applicant further states that he was drafted the following spring and was marched to Stillwater, from that place to Johnstown now Montgomery County and served four months took a written discharge and returned home down the Mohawk River and through Albany to Kinderhook.

The officers commanding this expedition as this applicant recollects were Colonel Whitbeck, Captain Burgest & Lieutenant Philips. Thinks General Schuyler was commander at Stillwater.

This applicant has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and does not know that his name is on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Questions answered.

1. This applicant states that he was born in the year 1738 at the Town of Kinderhook.
2. Has no record of his age.
3. Lived at Kinderhook county & State aforesaid at the time of the war—has resided there and in the adjoining town of Chatham where he now resides ever since.
4. Was drafted into service.
5. Does not recollect the names of any officers under whom he served except those above mentioned cannot recollect the names of any continental or militia regiment.
6. Did receive a written discharge but can not tell where it is—thinks he lost it soon after he left service.
7. The names of persons to whom I am known in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are Thomas Son and Cornelius Garvey.

(Signed with his mark) Abraham Clark

Martin VanDeusen Witness.

Sworn before me the 20th day of August 1832 Tobias C. Hogeboom, Judge of Court of Common Pleas of County of Columbia.