

Pension Application for Arnold Dickens or Dickins

W.17720 (Widow: Rachel Benedict) Married November 1, 1786. Arnold died August 26, 1834.

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord 1839, personally appeared before William Jay one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Rachel Dickens a resident of the Town of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut aged seventy four years, who first being 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 7th July 1838.

That she is the widow of Arnold Dickens Junr Des'd as she is informed & verily believes was a private in Capt'n Ephraim Lockwoods Company in Col. Thaddeus Cranes Regiment and Daniel Purdy a Lieutenant in the same company, and that the said Arnold Dickens Junr entered the service of the United States on or about the first of April 1779 under Captain Ephraim Lockwood and Daniel Purdy the Lieutenant, at North Salem in the County of Westchester the said Arnold Dickens Junr then a resident of that place and that the s'd Arnold Dickens Jun'r had a farther [father] then living by the name of Arnold Dickens and resided in the town of North Salem in Westchester County, and it was Arnold Dickens Jun'r tht entered the service under the said Captain Ephraim Lockwood in Col. Thaddeus Cranes Regiment the first of April 1779 at the town of North Salem as a Malitiaman [sic] and served in the said Militia company whenever called upon which was most of the time continually from the first of April 1779 to November 1781 was computed to be six months in each year viz 1779, 1780 and 1781 and that whenever the s'd Arnold Dickens Jn was allowed to go home from the s'd service was ordered to be ready at a moment's warning with arms and accoutrements together with four days provision, to march when called for, and did serve at North Salem and from there to the town of Bedford about the lines as a guard and from Bedford to North Castle about the lines and to York Town and Peakskill and White Planes [Plains] and the time that the said Arnold Dickens Junr was in actual service from the said first of April 1779 to November 1781 was eighteen months as computed by one of the commissioned officers under whom he served in the service at the same time viz, David Purdy a Lieutenant in the s'd Captain Ephraim Lockwoods company in Col. Thaddeus Cranes Regiment.

She further declares that she was married to the s'd Arnold Dickens Junr on the first day of November seventeen hundred and eighty six by Rev'nd Soloman Mead then a pastor of the Presbyterian Church in South Salem in the County of Westchester and that her name before marriage was Rachel Benedict and that Arnold Dickens Senior was then living at North Salem, and that her husband the aforesaid Arnold Dickens Junr died on the 26th day of August 1834, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period; 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) Rachel Dickens

Sworn & subscribed before me this 5th day of Oct'r 1837. William Jay, one of the Judges of WestChester Common Pleas