

Pension Application for Ezekiel Hyatt

W.28007 (Widow: Rebecca) Married April 1779. Ezekiel died March 1819.

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State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Westchester in the State of New York Rebecca Hyatt a resident of the town of Cortlandt in the said County of Westchester and State of New York now aged as she verily believes seventy five years but has no record of her age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed July the fourth 1836.

That she is the widow of Ezekial Hyatt late of the town of Yorktown in the County of Westchester deceased who was a captain in the American service during the Revolutionary war with Great Brittain [Brittan]. That in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five as near as this declarant can now recollect and sometime in the forepart of that year the said Ezekial Hyatt was appointed Captain of a company of minute men who served as this declarant believes in Co. McDoughs [McDougall's] Regiment.

That said Hyatt then resided in the town of Yorktown in said County of Westchester. That said company was raised for the period of one year and upwards. That said Hyatt continued Captain of said company during that time. That this was before said Hyatt and this declarant were married. That said Hyatt in the fall of that year marched with his said company minute men in the [?] of the County of Westchester near New York and was absent from home a long time. But this declarant cannot now recollect whether he was absent the winter following or more this being before the said Hyatt and this declarant was married.

That after the term of service of said minute men expired which this declarant believes was sometime in the summer or fall or seventeen hundred and seventy six her said husband was Captain and had command of a company during the whole of the war.

That after said Hyatt and this declarant were married which as near as this declarant can now recollect was sometime in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine. The said [?] this declarant husband was absent from home nearly all this time—both night and day and there was Captain of and had charge of a company as this deponent verily believes. That sometimes after said Hyatt was married to this declarant and that very frequently in each and every year from that time until the close of the war said Hyatt would be absent from home two three and four weeks at a time and sometimes without hearing from him during that time.

That this declarant believes that said Hyatt used to go away from home sometimes as above stated without marching his company with him, but was on business relating to the war in making arrangements and guarding that part of the

County and watching the movement of the enemy who had possession of the whole of the lower part of the County of Westchester and sometime she would come for two three and four weeks as above stated.

That this declarant does not know at what particular places her said husband marched but she believes it was generally down in the middle and lower part of the County of Westchester.

That this Declarant recollects that when the Brittish [British] had possession of the [Rancks?] Point in said County of Westchester which was after this declarant was married to said Hyatt and as this deponent believes in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine. This declarant's where was ordered out with his said company and marched down towards the place where the said Brittish [British] then had their army, and said Hyatt was stationed there a long time—but this declarant cannot now state with any certainty how long he was gone. That at that time this declarant believes he was a Captain in Co. Samuel Drake's Regiment.

That this declarant also recollects that sometime in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two her said husband marched with his said Company down in the lower part of said County of Westchester and was with a company of Americans that attacked the British at Morisina. This was the time that one of the Americans by the name of Dyckman was killed.

That this declarant does not now recollect—how long her said husband was gone at that particular time for he was absent from home so much of his time that this Declarant cannot now recollect how long he was gone at any particular time. That this declarant does not know in what Regiment her said husband was in from the time the service expired of the minute men of which he was Captain as herein before stated in Col. McDouglles Regiment but this declarant believes that some part of the time he was in Col. Samuel Drakes Regiment. This declarant further states that she has no documentary evidence whatever of the service of her said husband in the Revolutionary War as above stated and cannot state his services more particular than is herein before stated and support.

This Declarant further states that she was married to the said Ezekial Hyatt as she believes sometime in the month of April seventeen hundred and seventy nine as is hereinbefore stated.

That they were married by the Rev's Samuel Sackett a Presbyterian Minister then located at Crompond in Yorktown with said County of Westchester.

That the said Sackett has been dead a number of years and she has no record nor anything else for to prove this time she was married but verily believes is to be at the time above stated.

That the Church which the said Sacket used to preach was burned by the Brittish in the time of the war and all the records of the said church with it and after this declarant was married as above stated. That this declarants husband the aforesaid Ezekial Hyatt died sometime in the month of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen—and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by the proofs hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before John H. Smith clerk of the said Court of Common Pleas of the County of Westchester in open court. John H. Smith, Clerk Wes. Co. (Signed with her mark) Rebecca Hyatt.

Letter in folder dated August 5, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Captain Ezekiel Hyatt of New York.

The data given herein were found in pension claim, W.28007, based upon service of Ezekiel Hyatt in the Revolutionary War.

Ezekiel Hyatt was a resident of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The names of his parents, the date and place of his birth are not shown.

Ezekiel Hyatt served from some time in 1775, at various times until the close of the war, as Lieutenant and Captain under Colonels Alexander McDougall, Samuel Drake and John Hammond in the New York troops, exact length of service not shown; during the period of his service, he was engaged in many different skirmishes, one at Morrisiana.

This officer continued to reside in Yorktown, New York, after his service and died there in March 1819.

Captain Ezekiel Hyatt married in the year 1778, or in April 1779, Rebecca Mabie, or Yorktown, New York.

Rebecca Hyatt, the officers' widow, was allowed pension on her application executed September 25, 1837, at which time she resided in Cortland, Westchester County, New York; she was aged then seventy-five years. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents were not given. She died November 2, 1844, in Cortland, New York.

In 1850, the names of the surviving children of Captain Ezekiel Hyatt and his wife, Rebecca, were given as follows: Sarah Hyatt Mabie, the eldest child, born August 18, 1780, married February 10, 1805, Elijah Mabie, who was born December 9, 1775; Susan Hyatt Travis, born June 2, 1791, their fifth child, married James B. Travis, who was born October 9, 1785; Anna Merritt; Hannah Hyatt, age given in 1843 as thirty-seven years; and Phebe Selleck.

The following data were shown also: Elijah Mabie, husband of Sarah, noted above, died January 30, 1827; in 1843, Sarah Mabie resided in New York City. Their children were—

Hiram Mabie, born February 18, 1806.

Jane Ann Mabie, born January 27, 1808.

Maria Mabie born February 24, 1810.

Samuel H. Mabie born July 4, 1812.

Susan Mabie born July 24, 1814.

Isabel Mabie born April 18, 1816.

Abigail Mabie born April 18, 1818.

Gilbert Mabie born March 20, 1822.

John Mabie born July 4, `822.

James Mabie born June 30, 1826.

Susan the officers daughter, noted above, married James B. Travis, May 2, 1811. Their children were shown as—

Rebecca Ann Travis born November 10, 1811.

Mary Travis, born March 14, 1814.

Joseph H Travis born February 20, 1816, died April 9, 1816.

In 1843, Samuel Hyatt Mabie, the officer's grandson, resided in Cortland, New York.

In 1837, John Hyatt, born in April 1765, resided in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York; he stated that he was acquainted with both the officer and his wife, Rebecca. In 1843, John F. Hyatt, aged eighty years, was a resident of Barton, Tioga County, New York; he stated that he resided in the home of Captain Ezekiel Hyatt in Yorktown during the Revolutionary War and moved in 1811, to Tioga County, New York. In 1843, Eunice Hyatt, born in 1783, was a resident of New York City, New York; she was acquainted with both the officer, Ezekiel Hyatt, and his wife, Rebecca, at the time of their marriage. No relationship between these persons and the officer's family was stated.

In 1843, Jonathan Travis, aged eighty-two years, resided in Carmel, Putnam County, New York; he had resided in Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, during the Revolutionary War. Deborah Travis, also of Carmel, stated in 1844, that she was acquainted with Captain Ezekiel Hyatt and his wife, Rebecca, during the war. Gilbert H. Travis was a Justice of the Peace for Putnam County, New York, in 1844. No relationship between these persons and the officer's family was stated.

In 1843, Daniel Merritt, aged about fifty-five years, was a resident of Cortland, New York. He did not state any relationship the officer's daughter, Ann Merritt.