

Pension Application for Abraham Fancher

S.22762

State of New York

Saratoga County SS

On the 30th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga and State of New York now seting [sitting] Abraham Fancher a resident of the town of Galway in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged eighty one years on the tenth day of December instant 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 the 7th 1832.

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

That in the fore part of the year and believes in the month of January of 1776 he entered the service of the United States at a place then called [Horns?] Hook or York Island about six miles from the City of New York, in a company commanded by Capt. Henry Slawson of Col. Drake's Regt of Militia of the New York state line, that he entered the aforesaid company as a private soldier by enlistment for nine months, and continued in said company and regiment in actual service on York Island in Westchester County for the term of nine months, excepting about three weeks when his brother John Fancher took his place as a substitute that he might return to his family, then residing in Salem now South Salem in the County of Westchester, for the reason that his little child having been dangerously hurt by a horse that he was in actual service as aforesaid for at least eight months, during which time he helped from the beginning to the ending in building a fort at [Horns?] Hook, thinks by the name of Fort Constitution.

That in the spring of 1777 and believes in the month of April he entered the service of the United States at White Plains in the County of Westchester and State of New York as a private soldier by enlistment for three months service under Capt. Noah Bowtan of Colonel Luddington's Regt of Militia of the New York State line, and as a private soldier ins aid company and Regt at White Plains North Castle and Bedford for at least three months.

That in the fall of the year 1777 and believes in the month of September he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Slawson of Col. Cranes Regt of Militia of the New York State line and that he served in said company and Regt at Bedford and in North Castle to the best of his recollection about two months and at least six weeks, in the time of the last mentioned service he recollects of hearing of the Capture of Genl Burgunne, [Burgoyne] by the American Army, and of the taking of Fort Montgomery by the British.

That in the spring of 1778 and believes in the month of April or the forepart of May he entered the service of the United States by enlistment as a sergeant in a

company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Chapman of Col. Cranes Regt of militia of of [sic] the state of New York, that he entered the service as aforesaid at Bedford in the County of Westchester aforesaid and served as a sergeant at Bedford, and in County of Westchester, in said company and Reft for at least three months.

That in the spring of the year of 1779 and believes in the fore part of the month of April he entered the service of the United States at Bedford in the County of Westchester aforesaid by enlistment as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Lawrance of Col. Drakes Regt of Militia of the New York State line, and that he served as a soldier in said company and Regt at Bedford North Castle, and in the County of Westchester aforesaid for at least six months.

He was born in the town of New Canaan in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut on the tenth day of December 1754.

He has a record of his age in his bible at his son's Solomon Fancher, about eight miles from where he now resides.

He lived in the town of lower Salem now South Salem in the County of Westchester and State of New York at the time he he [sic] entered the service of the United States as aforesaid.

In the spring of the year 1780, he moved [sic] with his family to the town of Frederickstown, now the town of Patterson n the County of Dutchess and State of New York.

On or about the year of 1792 he moved with his family to Phillipstown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York where he lived about eight years, he then moved to the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia and State of New York where he lived about two years, he then moved to the town of Bern in the County of Albany and State of New York where he lived about four years, he then moved to the town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany aforesaid where he lived until about the first of January 1826 since which time by reason of old age, infirmity, and being in indigent circumstances and not able to support himself, he has lived with, and been supported by his sons as follows.

In the fore part of January 1826 he went to live with his son Solomon Fancher of Galway in the County of Saratoga and State of New York, where he lived about one one [sic] year, he then went to live with his son Rufus Fancher of the town of Richfield in the County of Otsego and State of New York where he lived about one year.

In the year of 1828, he went to live with his son Samuel Fancher of the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York where he lived about one year.

In 1829 he went to live with his son Asabel Fancher of the town of Galway in the County of Saratoga and State of New York where he lived about two years.

In 1831 he went to live with his son Rufus Fancher of the town of Richfield in the County of Otsego aforesaid where he lived about one year.

In 1832 he went to live with his son Solomon Fancher of the County of Saratoga aforesaid where he lived about one year.

In 1833, he went to live with his son Samuel Fancher of the County of Dutchess—aforesaid where he lived about one year.

In 1834 he went to live with his son David Fancher of Lansingburgh in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York where he lived about one year, and in 1835 he went to live with his son Asabel Fancher of Galway aforesaid where he has continued to live to the present time.

When in the service in 1776 at Horns Hook on York Island as aforesaid he gives the names of the following named officers, Genl Lee, Col. Drake, Capt. Henry Slawson, Lieut. Ebenezer Seafield, Ensign Daniel Bowton.

When in the service of the two campaigns in the year of 1777 as aforesaid he gives the names of the following named officers, Colonels Luddington and Crane, Captains Noah Bowton and Slawson Lieut, Sand Reymond and Jehial Bowton En's, Samuel Lewis and Enoch Benedict.

When in the service in the two campaigns of 1778 and 1779 as aforesaid he gives the names of the following named officers, Cols Crane and Drake, Capts Chapman & Lawrence Lieuts Jehial Bowton and Ebenezer Scofield, Ensigns Daniel Bowton and Samuel Lewis.

He never received a written discharge, he was verbally discharged from the severel campaigns aforesaid.

He gives the names of persons to whome [sic] he is acquainted in his present neighborhood, Revd Maxson Mosher Carlton Morehouse Esqur., William T. Wait, Ebenezer Couch and Alanzo Siver, who can testify as to his character as for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the same, excepting those persons whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

He entered the service of the United States in the several campaigns aforesaid by enlistment and as a volunteer as aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Abram Fancher

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. A. Goodrich,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated June 29, 1827, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advist you from the appers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.22762, it appears that Abraham Fancher was born December 10, 1754 at New Canaan, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

While residing at Salem, Westchester County, New York, he served in the New York Troops, as follows—

From January 1776, eight months as a private in Captain Slawsson's Company, Colonel Drake's Regiment; from April 1777, three months as private in Captain Noah Bouton's Company, Colonel Luddington's Regiment; in the fall of 1777, six weeks as

private in Captain Slasson's Company, Colonel Crane's Regiment; in the spring of 1778, three or four months as Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Chapman's or Carpenter's Company; from April 1779, three months as private in captain Lawrence's Company, Colonel Crane's or Drake's Regiment; from 1781 one year as Sergeant in captain Chapman's Company, and April 10, 1782, he was appointed Second Lieutenant in Captain Chapman's Company, Lieutenant-Colonel. Thaddeus Crane's Regiment, and served to close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 30, 1835, while a resident of Galway, Saratoga, New York.

The following sons are referred to—Solomon, residence Galway, New York; Rufus, residence Richfield, New York; Samuel, residence Fishkill, New York; Asabel, residence Galway, New York; David , residence Lansingburgh, New York and Abraham, who was born during the War of the Revolution. The name of soldier's wife is not stated.