

Pension Application for Oliver Ferris

This letter was included in John Jewel's pension application since the inquiry was about both of the men. Apparently he is not included in the files for New York since he really didn't serve in New York.

Oliver Ferris—W.16254.

Oliver Ferris, son of Josiah Ferris of Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut, was born November 22, 1753, the name of his mother not shown. He was living in Greenwich at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

He served in 1775 as a private in the expedition to Canada under General Montgomery, Specific dates not shown; in 1776, he was Quartermaster of Colonel John Mead's Connecticut regiment; on March 9, 1779, he was appointed Commander of the vessel, "Wakeman" and the whale boat, "Ranger", for two years served in Captain Timothy Lockwood's company of Connecticut Coast Guards, a part of the time as Lieutenant and a part of the time as Quartermaster; on July 4, 1781, was appointed Brigade Quartermaster of Brigadier General John [Wood's?] 4th Brigade of Connecticut militia, and served to the close of the war.

Oliver Ferris resided in Greenwich, Connecticut, and in Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, where he died in August 1825.

The soldier married February 10, 1779, Abigail Lockwood, she was born November 12, 1760; the ceremony was performed by a Presbyterian minister at the home of her father, Enos Lockwood, In Greenwich, Connecticut.

Abigail Ferris, soldier's widow, was allowed pension on account of the Revolutionary War service of her husband, Oliver Ferris, on her application executed February 18, 1837. She was then a resident of Greenburgh, New York. In 1846, she resided in Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York. She died June 19, 1953. [This has to be a typo, probably 1853.]

The names and births of the children of Oliver Ferris and his wife, Abigail, are shown as follow:

Sarah Ferris born June 8, 1779.

Elizabeth Ferris born February 1, 1781.

Abigail Ferris born February 25, 1785.

Martha Lockwood Ferris born October 27, 1786.

Letitia Ferris born April 16, 1792, in Greenwich.

Borson (?) Ferris born August 24, 1802, in Greenburgh, Westchester Co., N.Y.

In 1837, Enos Lockwood, aged seventy-two years, and Messenger Lockwood, aged seventy-one years, both brothers of Abigail who married Oliver Ferris, were residents of Greenwich, Connecticut. One Albert Lockwood resided then in Sing Sing, New York, and one Munson I. Lockwood in 1846 was Clerk of Westchester County Court; in 1837, one Samuel Lockwood was Clerk of the Court of Probate in the District of Stamford, Connecticut; no relationship of any of these persons to the family was stated.

In 1846, Jacob Storms, the son-in-law of Abigail Ferris, was living in Westchester County, New York; the name of his wife was not designated. There are no further data relative to the family of Oliver Ferris in the papers on file in this pension claim.