

Pension Application for Abraham Frear or Friar

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At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Present: Obediah Titus, Albro Affin, Stephen Thorn, Judges.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess in the State of New York now sitting, the same being a Court of Record having a clerk and seal and common law jurisdiction Abraham Friar a resident of the town of Poughkeepsie in said County of Dutchess aged eighty nine years and upwards who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York the 31st day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty eight as he has been informed by his father and verily believes, and that a record of his age was made in a family bible belonging to his father, which bible after his father's death went into the possession of his sister who now resides in the City of New York. That he lived in the town of Poughkeepsie aforesaid previous to and at the time he went into the service, and that since the Revolutionary war he has always and now does reside in Poughkeepsie.

That he volunteered under the command of Captain Bernardus Swartwout as a private in his Company for the term of nine or ten months. That the company to which he belonged was under and belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel Jacobus Swartwout of the Militia of the State of New York. That he volunteered into Captain Swartwout's Company about the middle of the month of March (that he does not recollect the day) in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, that deponent immediately after joining said company proceeding on foot went to Kingsbridge and remained there about two months from thence went to New York City, staid there but a short time cannot recollect how long, that he was scouting back and forth from New York to Kingsbridge and once on Long Island, that which at Kingsbridge he recollects being selected to go out on guard duty there were sometimes six or seven men taken from teach company, they went under charge of a Corporal and sometimes of a Serjent [sergeant] deponent recollects going to a place called Morrisiana thinks it was eight or ten miles from Kingsbridge, went there a number of times while on guard duty; that from Kingsbridge he went to White Plains in WestChester County that he was in the service at the time of the battle of White Plains, that he recollects if distinctly, that he was under arms at the time, that he was within a quarter of a mile of the engagement, that he was so near as to see the enemy distinctly, that the enemy discharged their

pieces at him and the company he was with, that he recollects the burning of the Court House at White Plains.

This deponent says he recollects a person called Major Putman, recollects the names of Generals Washington & Putnam, but did not see them, that his recollection has failed him so much he cannot remember the names of any officers other than those above named, and this deponent says that soon after the battle at White Plains he went with Captain Swartwout's company to Fort Constitution (now West Point), that he remained in the service at said Fort until the Holy days (the last week in December) in said year 1776 when he was discharged on the disbanding of the Company at the close of their tour of service after having served a few days over nine months, his discharge was not in writing and this deponent produce as evidence in support of his declaration aforesaid the affidavit of Isaiah Burch now here in Court and hereto annexed.

And this deponent further says that the reason he has not applied before was on account of his inability [?] to obtain the necessary proof of his service. And this deponent further says that he has no documentary evidence of any kind whatever showing his service as a Revolutionary Soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 with his mark) Abraham Frear

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Henry J. Traver, Clerk