

## Pension Application for Abraham Furman

S.10,715

Continental (New York) Issuer of Forage. New York Line 2 years. Died 12 March 1835.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Queens

On this 30th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Queens and State of New York being a Court of record, so constituted by an[d] out of the Legislature of the said State.

Abraham Furman—a resident of the Town of NewTown in the said County of Queens—who was first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832—That he was born in the said Town of NewTown on the 16 March 1755 and is now in the 78th year of his age. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1776 into a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Wright, Jeffry Hickey 1st Lieutenant—Benjamin North 2d Lieutenant—Regiment commanded by Col. John Lasher. They were first stationed in the City of New York, came over Long Island in August 1776—was there at the time the British troops landed under Lord Howe, and took Lord Stirling and Genl Sullivan prisoners, the Island being given up, deponent moved with the American Army to New York, and when the British took possession of New York; he was stationed with the Army or Kings-bridge of which was then commanded by Genl Scott—from thence they retreated to Peekskill in WestChester County, and afterwards crossed over to Nassau staid in the County of Rockland—In January 1777 this deponent having served out the time of enlistment was discharged by an instrument in writing signed by Capt. Wright which is now lost—In March 1777 deponent was engaged as an assistant to Hugh Hughes, Deputy QuarterMaster General, to receive and deliver out stores & provisions to the army, and continued in that situation for two years, during which time he was sent from Fishkill by Col. Hughes to Philadelphia to bring money from the Congress & brought with him and paid over to the said Col. Hughes, nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as appears by the receipt therefor in the hand writing of the said Col. Hughes hereto annexed, bearing date 16 November 1778—On the 17 October 1780 this deponent received from the said Col. Hughes an appointment or commission in writing as Issuer of Forage, as will appear by the said appointment or commission in writing hereto annexed, and to which this deponent refers for confirmation thereof—Deponent continued to ask under said appointment for more than two years, soon after the expiration of which was [declined?]

This deponent further states that he saw General Washington several times, and has transacted business with him, relative to his office & for QuarterMaster Hughes—saw him at other places—was personally acquainted with Lord Stirling, Genl [Vannum?] and General Green—This deponent also assisted General Dickins in the purchase of Forage about the close of the war—This deponent was once sent to Genl Amola White, he was confined at Weathersfield by a wound in his leg, received at the capture of Burgoine at Saratoga, with papers from Col. Hughes—

And this deponent further states that he knows of no one now living to whom his services are known, very particularly, except so far as contained in the affidavit of Luke Ramsen and Daniel Rapelyea, hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) Abraham Furman  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Samuel Sherman Clerk.

Letter dated October 13, 1936 written in reply to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Abraham Furman, of Queens County, New Your, and Joshua Furman, of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The records of those soldiers are given herein.

Abraham Furman S.10715

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim S.10715, based upon the military service of Abraham Furman in that war.

Abraham Furman was born March 16, 1745, in Newtown, Queens County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of said Newtown, Abraham Furman volunteered sometime in 1776, served in Captain Jacob Wright's company, Colonel John Lasher's new York Regiment, was first stationed in New York City, crossed to Long Island, was there when the surrender took place, crossed with the American Army to new York City, and was in the retreat from that city, and was discharged in January 1777, length of service not shown. In March, 1777, he was appointed assistant to Quartermaster General Hugh Hughes, served two years in this capacity; October 17, 1780, was commissioned Issuer of Forage and served two years as such officer. Capt. Jacob Wright & Col. John Lasher served together but did not find [him] under there.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 30, 1832, while a resident of Newtown, Queens County, New York.

Abraham Furman died March 12, 1835, at the home of William Boerum, in Newtown, New York. It was stated that soldier was never married.

Aaron Furman, Abraham Furman, Junior, and William Boerum were executors of the estate of Abraham Furman, their relationship to him was not stated. Aaron died December 17, 1844.

Joshua Furman W.543

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.543, based upon the military service of Joshua Furman in that war.

Joshua Furman was born in February, 1755, in Trenton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of said Trenton Township, New Jersey, Joshua Furman volunteered about the middle of July 1776, and served until sometime in 1783, on monthly tours, about thirty tours and at least three years in all, sometimes each alternate month, as a private under Lieutenant Howell, Captains John Mott, John Hunt, William Tucker, Philip Phillips, Freeland, Ralph Phillips, Timothy Titus, and Ralph Guild and Colonel Joseph Phillips in the New Jersey Troops. He was in a skirmish at Crosswicks but was ill at the time of the taking of the Hessians and unable to take part in that engagement. Soldier stated that his brother Daniel served also, often alternating with him. Daniel was deceased in 1832.

Joshua Furman was allowed pension on his application executed October 10, 1832, while residing in Trenton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

The soldier died February 20, 1840, in Ewing Township, Mercer County (that part which was formerly Trenton Township, Hunterdon County) New Jersey.

Joshua Furman married Mary 21, 1814, in Trenton Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey (later Ewing Township, Mercer County) Sarah Hendrickson. The date and place of birth of Sarah and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Sarah, was allowed pension on her application executed April 22, 1853, at which time she was aged eighty-two years and a resident of Hopewell Township, Mercer County, New Jersey.

No reference was made to children.

In 1853, Huldah Hendrickson, aged seventy-four years and Elnathan Hendrickson, age not stated, made affidavits in Mercer County, New Jersey, in support of the widow's claim for pension: in 1855, one Thomas Hendrickson lived in Hopewell Township, New Jersey; no relationship of any of the above named persons to the widow, Sarah Hendrickson Furman, was stated.