

Pension Application for Abraham Garrison

S.44151

Declaration of Abraham Garrison setting forth that he was a private soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he belonged to the company commanded by Captain Leonard Bleeker (1) in the Second Regiment (2) Commanded by Colonel Gasevoort brigaded in the New York line in the light infantry (3)—that he entered the service in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and ended it in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three—being then regularly discharged.

(Signed with his mark) Abraham Garrison (4)

Sworn to by the said Abraham Garrison and subscribed by him the thirty first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me. Rich'd Blauvelt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Rockland in the State of New York.

State of New York

Rockland County SS

I certify that the above named Abraham Garrison resides in this county is a Pauper received occasional support that he came here about the close of the war and that I have known him ever since—that I always understood he had belonged to the Army and never had cause to doubt it—I am completely satisfied that the above named applicant for a pension served in the Revolutionary Army against the common enemy for six years or more. Rich's Blauvelt.

These certify that the Bearer Abraham Garrison, enlisted as a Soldier in my Company in January 7777 and served faithfully untill the Army was disbanded in the year 1763. In Consequence of his steady uniform preserving good conduct. He received two Badges of merit.
New York 24th Augt 1818

Leon'd Blecker
Captain Lt [Light] Infantry
New York Regiment
Revolutionary War

I confirm the above statement, and recollect Garrison well he was a good soldier and is now a decent citizen in advanced age and of course a proper subject of his Countryes attention.

M. Willett formerly
Lieutenant Colonel of the
Third New York Regiment.

End Notes—S.44151—Abraham Garrison

1. Abraham enlisted as a private on January 4, 1777 for during war in captain Leonard Blecker's Eighth Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 43, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Abraham gives the wrong number of the regiment. Colonel Philip VanCortlandt commanded the Second New York Continental Regiment.
3. On January 1, 1781 the First New York and the Third New York Continental Regiments were consolidated into one regiment. Colonel Goose VanSchaick who was the senior colonel remained in command of the First New York and Gansevoort retired from the Continental service. Captain Bleecker with the men who were serving during war were transferred to the First New York. Captain Bleecker's was now designated a light

infantry company. The light infantry company was comprised of the best physically fit men of the regiment. Abraham is listed in Captain Bleecker's Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment in 1781 and serving until June of 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 61, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

4. Abraham does not mention that he was in the Siege of Fort Schuyler in August of 1777, the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign in 1779, the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign in 1779 against the Iroquois Villages of Western New York or the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign of September 28 to October 19, 1781.