

Pension Application for Joseph Hadley

W.2615 (Widow: Abigail) Widow's first husband Samuel Gray also served in the Revolutionary War. Married Town of Milton (now Geneva), Cayuga County, NY, August 17, 1801 by John Tillotson, Justice of the Peace.

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Letter in folder dated November 28, 1932, written in response to an inquiry. This looks to be the best source of information for Joseph Hadley, W.2615 and Samuel Gray, R.4415.

Reference is made to your letter of November 14, in which you request information relative to Joseph Hadley, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

You are furnished herein two records, the data of which may be of interest to you.

JOSEPH HADLEY, W.2615

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 2615, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Joseph Hadley; the date of his birth and names of his parents are not shown in the claim.

He enlisted in February 1777, in Rochester, Orange County, New York, and served as sergeant, private and blacksmith in Captain Samuel Pell's company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment, was at the capture of Burgoyne, the battle of Monmouth, and was discharged in February, 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-two years and residing in Rush, Ontario County, New York.

In 1832, the soldier was living in Penfield, Monroe County, New York.

He died September 11, 1832, in Webster, Monroe County, New York.

Joseph Hadley married August 17, 1801, in Milton (later Geneva), Cayuga County, New York, Abigail Gray or Grey.

Soldier's widow, Abigail, was allowed pension on her application executed November 4, 1853, at which time she was aged eighty-seven years and a resident of Webster, Monroe County, New York.

It was stated that Joseph and Abigail Hadley had one child. In 1820 the soldier referred to a daughter, Mahala, fourteen years old, and stated that his wife was aged fifty years; no explanation made of the discrepancy in his wife's age.

Soldier's son, Joseph Hadley, who in 1853 was sixty-five years old and living in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, stated that at the time his father married Abigail Gray, he was living with him; the name of mother of soldier's son, Joseph, was not given.

SAMUEL GRAY, R.4415

The following data also appear in the papers on file in pension claim R.4415, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Samuel Gray; said papers do not show the date of his birth nor the names of his parents.

Samuel Gray married in the fall of 1788, in Philips Patent, Dutchess County, New York, which was near Peekskill, New York, Abigail Baker, who was then twenty years old, and he was "some fourteen years older". They resided in Philips Patent, new York about three years, then moved to Warren Connecticut, where they resided bout three years, when he died; exact date of death not shown.

About five years after the death of Samuel Gray, his widow, Abigail, married Joseph Hadley, who died in September, 1832, in Penfield, Monroe County, New York.

On November 19, 1850, while living in Monroe County, New York, Abigail Hadley, aged eighty-two years, (formerly the widow of Samuel Gray), applied for pension that may have been due her as the widow of Samuel Gray.

It was alleged that Samuel Gray was a native of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and was living there when he enlisted, that he enlisted early in the Revolution and went on a campaign to the north and was stationed at Montreal, that he subsequently served with Connecticut troops under Colonel Swift, and that he served three or four years in all.

Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of the alleged service as required by the pension law.

The following children of Samuel Gray and his wife, Abigail, are shown in the claim: Samuel, John and William, all of whom died young, and of whom Samuel and John died in Warren, Connecticut.

Samuel Baker, brother of the widow, Abigail, and two years younger, who was living in Cameron, Steuben County, New York, in 1851, stated that when a boy he lived at Philips Patent, Dutchess County, New York, and that in the winter of 1788 he left his father's residence and moved to Pennsylvania.

Judah Baker, brother of the widow, Abigail, in 1850 was living in Enfield, Tompkins County, New York, and stated that he was eighty-seven years old in February of that year.

In 1850, Lydia Erwin, who was born in July, 1777, a sister of the soldier's widow, Abigail, was residing in Enfield, New York, but had formerly lived in Dutchess County, in that state.

[Hand written note on page.] *Did not include service under Capt David Downs and Col. Chas. Burrall, as it was not established that this particular Samuel Gray rendered this service. There is another Samuel Gray in files who received pension for service under Capt. David Downs and Col. Chas. Burrall.*