

Pension Application for Abraham Hitchcock

S.16154

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

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Surrogate of the Surrogate Court of the County of West Chester and State of New York now sitting, Abraham Hitchcock a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County and Sate aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

That is to say that he enlisted into the Continental service in the month of May 1780 and was attached to the quarter masters department under the command of Hews; that he was stationed at Kingsferry in the said County and was employed at that place as a ferry man.

That he enlisted for the term of one year; that he enlisted as a soldier; that he received pay and drew rations and clothing as a soldier for said period of one year. That he faithfully served out said term of one year at said Kingsferry and was honorably discharged.

At that place some time in the month of May 1781 but has no witten [written] discharge—

That he again entered the service of the United States on the Continental establishment in the quarter master's Department and was under the command of Col. Hews, that he enlisted at the said Kingsferry some time in the month of May 1781 for the term of one year. That he was stationed at said Kingsferry for the said second term of enlistment under the command of Col. Hews as aforesaid. That he faithfully served out said period and was honorably discharged in the month of May 1781 at said Kingsferry. That he enlisted as a soldier for the said mentioned period, that he received pay and drew rations and clothing as a soldier.

That he again entered the service of the United States sometime in the month of May 1782 and immediately after his said last mentioned discharge by enlisting into the Continental establishment in the quartermasters Department under the command of said Col. Hews, that he was from the said month of May 1782 stationed at said Kingsferry and served as a ferry man until the close of the war when he was discharged.

That he was born in the said County of WestChester in the year 1765 that that [sic] lived in the County of WestChester aforesaid when he entered the service as herein before set forth and now lives in the same place that he has no documentary or other evidence of his service than that hereunto annexed. That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to

his character for veracity; and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are: Samuel Youngs and Albert Lockwood.

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) Abraham Hitchcock

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of 1832 before me. T. Wand Surrogate

22d Congress, 1st Session. [Rep. No. III.] Ho. Of Reps.

Abraham Hitchcock

January 3, 1832.

Mr. Hubbard, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following
REPORT:

*The Committee of Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred
the petition of Abraham Hitchcock, report:*

That it appears from the affidavit of the petitioner, that he enlisted into the continental service in the spring of 1780, and was attached to the quartermaster's department, under the command of Col. Hews; that he was stationed at King's Ferry in the State of New York, and was employed at that place as a ferryman, until the close of the war, when he obtained an honorable discharge from said service; which facts are fully proved by the testimony of Cornelius Lambert, who testified that he was acquainted with the petitioner during the war of the revolution, and that he hath been acquainted with him ever since; and that he recollects that the petitioner did belong to the continental service, as set forth in his petition.

It also appears that the Petitioner is 67 years of age, and that he is in indigent circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to a pension, and therefore report a bill.

Letter in folder dated July 14, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of Abraham Hitchcock is given herein as found in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.16154, based upon his service in that war.

Abraham Hitchcock was born in the year 1765, in Westchester County, New York; the exact day of his birth, and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Westchester County, New York he enlisted in May 1780, as a ferry man under Colonel Hughes in the Quartermaster's Department, was stationed at Kings' Ferry, engaged in the ferry service at Verplanck's Point to the opposite side of the Hudson River and continued until the end of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 22, 1832, at which time he resided in the town of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. The soldier died July 26, 1846 in Mount Pleasant, New York.

Abraham Hitchcock married, but the date of his marriage and name of his wife are not shown. In 1853, the names of the children who survived the soldier were given as follow: John Hitchcock, who made affidavit in Albany, New York, Rachel Delaney,

Maria Demont, Smith Hitchcock, and Daniel Hitchcock; all of said children were then more than twenty-one years of age. There are no further data regarding the soldier's family.