

Pension Application for Dennis Hitt

W.23275 (Widow: Abigail) Married January 22, 1773, Dennis died December 20, 1816.

Declaration of Abigail Hitt in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this twenty sixth day of July 1837, personally appeared before me Jabes Bostwick First Judge of Delaware County Courts Abigail Hitt a resident of the town of Walton in the County of Delaware aforesaid aged eighty three (83) years the 5th day of April last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 4 July 1836.

That she is the widow of Dennis Hitt who was a Private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution. That before and at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. She this deponent & her husband Dennis Hitt lived in Somerstown in the County of Westchester & State of New York.

That he late husband Denis [sic] Hitt enlisted as a private soldier in the United States Services for Five months under Captain Delevan in 1776 in June she thinks and marched to KingsBridge & from there to Harlem and was in the service for whole five months. He soon after enlisted again the second time for five months under Captain Hunt and was in the service the time for which he was engaged when he returned home.

This deponent was not recollect where he marched to so as to be particular but if she recollects right he was engaged apart of most of the time in riding express.

He again enlisted to live for nine months does not recollect the officers he served under; but understand at the time & has often heard her husband say that he was in the engagement as the time Danbury was destroyed which was in April 1777, and her husband went to the north & was in the battle at Saratoga at the time Burgoine was taken & is sure he served the whole nine months when he returned home.

This deponent further says that her said husband was at several other times engaged in the service & that he was absent from home & on duty as she believes the most part of the time except in the winter during the war so much so that he was not at home together the crops in haying & harvesting but one season during the war.

But in consequence of old age & the great length of time lapsed she is unable to recollect this one particular the enlistment & particular services of her said husband in the Revolutionary War. But she has no doubt but that he husband was in actual service for more than two years and a half besides being often called at various times on alarms & skirmishes & several times called out of bed in the night in defence of his country.

And she this deponent further testifies & declares that she was married to a the said Dennis Hitt the 22d day of January 1773 in the town of Somers County of Westchester & State of New York aforesaid where she and her husband resided.

She was married by the Reverend Mr. Sacket was married at the house of said Sacket present at the marriage Samuel Week & his wife John Weeks & his wife Nathaniel Underhill & his wife & Ebenezer Foote is all the persons she now recollects the names of that were present and that none of these persons are now living and she further declares that previous to her marriage that her name was Abigail Finch, that she and her husband removed from the county of Westchester to the County of Delaware the place of her now residence forty four years since last October.

That he said husband Dennis Kitt died on the 20 December 1816 and that she has not intermarried since the death of her said husband & that she has remarried his widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereinto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Abigail Hitt

Witness in [?] Elisa Bostwick. Sworn & subscribed before me 4th July 1837
Jabez Bostwick First Judge &c.