

Pension Application for Libbeus How

W.21392 (Widow: Anna nee Austin) Married Libbeus October 17 1780. Libbeus died November 17, 1834.

State of New York

Dutchess County.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess now sitting Libbeus How a resident of the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy eight 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 sated, that he was born in 1754 in the County of Dutchess now Putnam in the Town of Phillips has a record of his [age] in his possession.

That in the Spring of 1775 he enlisted as a volunteer for nine month sin Captain Rufus Derrick's Company in Colonel Holmes Regiment and marched form America where he was living in Dutchess County to Albany from thence to Ticonderoga and continued there until the winter of 1776 where he was discharged and returned home that the spring of 1776 he enlisted [in] Captain Elijah Townsend[s] Company in the Regiment of Col. Ludington and marched to the Residence of said Ludington to a place now in Putnam County known by the name of the Red Mills and from thence to Fishkill in the said County of Dutchess and continued five months [??] where he was discharged by his Colonel but he has lost his discharge. That in the [?] of the year 1776 he volunteered in the service under Captain Crank's Company under Samuel Drake & received a discharge from him which is lost.

That in the term of service under Captain Crank and Col. Drake he marched to Kings Bridge from thence to Fort Washington from thence to Hurlgate when his five months expired & he was discharged by Captain Crank as aforesaid. That some time in the spring of 1777 he enlisted in Captain Hyatt's Company, Col. Samuel Drake and lay at Redmills in Putnam County three months that he continued in the same company in Putnam & Westchester for three months longer.

That his whole service under Captain Hyatt was 4 months when he received a discharge from him which he has lost that in the fall of 1777 he enlisted for six months, Captain John Drake's Company of Grenadiers the regiment of Col. Samuel Drake and after the period of his enlistment expired he secured a discharge from his Captain. That he was engaged about two years on the lines under under [sic] Captain Boyd of the Militia that he lay a greater part of the time about four miles from Peekskill that in this service he was called out frequently and it was necessary to be ready to march at any notice.

That he never received a regular discharge from Captain Boyd that he knew Captain Hyatt & Col. Hyatt & Major Strong in the service.

That he has lost all the discharges he received and has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure of his service except that hereunto annexed that he is known in his present neighborhood to Colonel Benjamin Hasbrook, James Scutt, Teunis Hasbrook, Saml B. Halsey, Coert Horton, who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 with his mark) Libbeus How

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. Harry I. Traver, Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 21, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.21392, it appears that Libbeus or Lebbeus How was born July 2, 1755 at Phillips, Dutchess County, New York.

While residing in Amenia, New York, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops, as follows—

From the spring of 1775, nine months in captain Rufus Herrick's company, Colonel Holmes' Regiment; from the spring of 1776, five months in Captain Elijah Townsend's company, Colonel Luddington's Regiment immediately after, five months in Captain Crank's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment; from spring of 1777, six months in Captain Ezekiel Hyatt's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment; from fall of 1777, six months in captain John Drake's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment.

In 1778 and 1779 as Minute-Man and Sergeant in Captain Boyd's Company, about two years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, while a resident of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. He died there November 17, 1834.

Soldier married October 17, 1780, Anna Austin, who was born April 18, 1762 at Fredericksburgh (which was later Carmel), New York, where her father and mother lived and died (names not stated), and where she was living at time of her marriage. She was allowed pension on her application executed August 21, 1838, while living at Fishkill, New York. She died January 15, 1839. There were thirteen children, all of whom survived their parents.

Children—

James born April 9, 1781.

Robert A. born October 23, 1782.

Phebe born May 28, 1785.

William born August 11, 1787.

John A. born January 10, 1790.

Jennet born February 15, 1792.

Eleathan born JaNuary 16, 1794.

Hannah born February 16, 1796, married Micha Mead.

Ida born January 4, 1798.

Mary born January 17, 1800.

Lucy Ann born June 2, 1803.

Rebecca born March 3, 1805, married ____Wixon.

Margaret born October 11, 1807.

A grand son, James H. How, born September 13, 1808, was living in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1838, the names of his parents are not specified.