

Pension Application for Abraham Leggett

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County of Madison SS

On this twenty seventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred twenty personally appeared in open Court in the Circuit Court of the said County of Madison in the State of Illinois being a court of record in the said county which proceeds according to the course of common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings and which has the power of fine & imprisonment Abraham Legget aged sixty seven years resident in Edwardsville in said county who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

That he enlisted in June 1776 as a volunteer in Capt Swartout's company in Col. Swartout's regiment; that he served as a private in such company untill January following, during which time he served on Long Island, and was in the Battle of White Plains.

In January 1777 he was appointed second Lieutenant in Capt Henry Godwin's company of Infantry in the 5th regiment on the New York line commanded by Col. Lewis Dubois, that during the time he was such lieutenant, he was at the capture of Fort Montgomery & was taken prisoner to the city of New York & remained a prisoner for about three years untill the general exchange took place in 1781.

That after the exchange of prisoners, he left the line on the derangement taking place, as a supernumerary. And I do further swear that a pension certificate has been granted to me on the 17th of July 1819 numbered 13,831.

And I do solemnly swear and affirm that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof -with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "an act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

A schedule of each & every article of real and personal estate belonging to me, necessary clothing and bedding excepted.

No real estate, except a bond for a lot in Edwardsville on which nothing has been paid, and which is pledged for the whole and which I have offered to give up and has been refused.

Personal Property. 2 small looking glasses, 4 chairs, 1 small desk, 2 tables, 3 iron pots, 1 bake pan, 1 brass kettle, 4 tin pans, 2 tin pails, 1 tea kettle, 24 earthen

plates & dishes, 1 small gridiron, 2 axes, 1 bellows, 1 anvil, 1 vice, 4 tongues, 2 sledges, 2 hammers, 1 [?] & 1 pincers. Also 50 to 60 dollars in debts due to me, and I owe about 500 or 600 dollars.

And I do further swear that my occupation is that of blacksmith with but little ability to pursue it, owing to my age and necessary infirmity. That my family residing with me are my wife Catharine, aged fifty seven, a son named William Leggett aged eighteen years, with no regular trade or profession & who has been sick for a long time; a daughter named Catherine aged fifteen years; and a motherless granddaughter aged six years, named Louisa Weed whom I am obliged to support; and that I am unable to support myself without the assistance of the public or my friends. (Signed) Abm. Leggett

Sworn to and declared in open court on the twenty seventh day of October 1820 before me. John Reynolds Judge of the Circuit Court of Madison County.

Note: Mississippi, Simpson County. There is a declaration referring to William Legget, widow: Mary Leggett, it is in the same file as Abraham which is confusing! It refers to William who had a dislocation of his hip caused by service which made him a cripple for life.

Still another document: State of Mississippi, Pike County. The rites of matrimony between William Leggett Sr. and Polly Homell were celebrated March 20, 1828.

Another one mentions Mary Legget, widow of Samuel who was suspended for lack of identity proof.