

**Pension Application for Abraham Odell**

W.24363 (Widow: Christina) Married March 1783, Abraham died 1810.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this eighth day of October 1846 before me Henry White, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county personally appeared Christina Odell aged eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled and act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Abraham Odele who was a private soldier in the War of the Revolution and that he resided during said War in the County and State aforesaid where she has always understood and believes he performed said services, how long and under what officers he served, declarant can not say.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Odele in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

And that her husband the said Abraham Odele died in the year one thousand eight hundred and ten.

That she has not intermarried but continues a widow.

That she was not married to the said Abraham Odele prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, viz. At the time above stated, Declarant further saith that her maiden name was Christina VanWart and that she was married by a Justice of the Peace. That she has no record of her marriage and doth not know or believe there is any record of it in existence.

That the Justice by whom she was married is now deceased & she doth not know or believe he ever kept any record of marriages, if he did keep any such record, she can not tell what has become of it. Declarant further saith that several of her children were bapltised [baptized] by a Dutch minister at Tarry Town in the aforesaid County, the oldest of which was Elizabeth, who is not now living. The names of others of her children who were bapltized at the same place were Jacob, Hannah and Benjamin. (Signed with her mark) Christian Odell

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 8th day of October 1846. Henry White, one of the Judges of the Court of Westchester County aforesaid.