

Pension Application for Abraham Russell

R.9096 (Widow: Betsey) Abraham died June 7, 1835.

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

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the tenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for said County of Ulster Abraham Russell a resident of the town of Hurly County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy four 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 7th June 1832.

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

That on or about the first of May in the year 1777 in the revolutionary war this deponent was dated in a company of Levies of the State of New York for the defense of Westchester County commanded by Capt Clark Lieutenant [blank] Kronk, Ensign Money Clark in Colonel Samuel Drake[s] Regiment, that he then lived in a place called, Courtland's Manor in said County of Westchester that he joined the said company at or near Croton river about ten miles from the Hudson river that deponent served ten or twelve days in said coprs deponent father sent a substitute by the name of Joseph Williams who after having served a few days was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun that deponent then immediately after deponent was ordered to join said company that deponent then again joined said corps and as deponent believes was about the middle of June of said year 1777, and continued in service as aforesaid untill on or about the first of December following that said company and regiment were stationed at a place called North Castle of said County of Westchester that 3 or 4 companies were stationed at the same time and place that deponent remembers the names of Captains Mosier and Tidd of the same regiment that during the time deponent was in said service deponent was not in any battle but had frequent skirmishes with the British Light horse who were frequently scouring the County for plunder that deponent with said company was often sent out to different places to watch the movements of said enemy and continued in said service as a private soldier for the term of seven months including about one month served by substitute who was killed as aforesaid and was personally discharged by the Captain.

And this deponent further saith that on our about the first of April in the year 1778 or 1779 deponent volunteered in said Service of the revolutionary war in a company commanded by Captain Mosier, Lieutenant Meigs in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Clark and believes Major Hobby that 3 or 4 Companies were in the same Regiment at the same time but deponent does not remember the names of any other officers of said Regiment.

That deponent joined the said company at a place called Pine Bridge and marched with the said Company to Northcastle and there joined the Regiment which

was the principle station of said Regiment of Col. Clark. That deponent was frequently sent as a guard of said Regiment to New Bedford, Kingsbridge and Crompond to watch the movements of the British light horse and foraging parties, that in the course of said campaign deponent was frequently engaged in skirmishes with detachments of the British Army that in of those engagements to guard to which deponent had two men killed one John Carmen & one Miegs, that at another time near head Quarters at North Castle one Williams and one Mosier was killed; that deponent with the said Regiment was constantly in active service as aforesaid as a private soldier for the term of nine months or more and was discharged on or about the first of January following that deponent received a written discharge signed by Colonel Clark which is wholly lost that deponent shortly after the last mentioned service moved into the County of Ulster that he knows of no living witness to prove either of the above mentioned services that he has no documentary evidence.

And this deponent further said that owing to the lapse of time deponent may not be correct as to the services mentioned in the foregoing as it respects dates and officers yet deponent believes them to be correct but deponent has actually served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war the aforementioned term of fifteen months in person and one month by a substitute.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the war department he answers as follows viz.

1st That he was born in the place called Courtland's Manor in the County of Westchester state of New York in the year 1760.

2nd That he has record of his age in his family Bible.

3rd That he lived in the revolutionary war in a place called Courtland's Manor in Westchester County & State of New York, that he lived nine months in the town [of] Plattekill County of Ulster & that he now lives in the town of Hurley County of Ulster & State of New York.

4th That he was drafted and volunteered.

5th That he remembers none except those stated in the foregoing declaration.

6th That he had [a] written discharge signed by Col. Clark which is wholly lost.

7th That he knows George Brinkerhoff, Conradt Diamond Esquire, Abraham Valkenburgh Esquire all respectable citizens of his neighborhood who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services in the revolutionary war as a soldier.

He here relinquishes every pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Russell

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.