

Pension Application for Abraham Ryckman

R.9124 (Widow: Tamar) Married November or December 1784, he died February 1812.
State of New York
City and Country of New York SS.

Tamar Ryckman on this twenty fifth day of January eighteen hundred and forty four, personally appeared before the Marine Court of the City of New York Tamor Ryckman, a resident of Williamsburgh in the County of Kings and State of New York, aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay on a pension to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Abraham Ryckman who as a Drummer and Drum Major during the Revolutionary War in the Infantry of the State of New York, under Col. Lasher, Col. George Clinton, Col. Malcolm, and Major or Col Willet, that he was an apprentice to Col. Lasher at the commencement of the war and she believes—believes [sic] he entered the service with him as Drummer, with the army first troops that was raised in the City of New York at the commencement of the War and that soon after the Battle of Long Island in which he was engaged that he was promoted to Drum Major and that after which she believes he was for the most part of the war with the Northern Division of the Army in New York and was in the battles of Cherry Valley and was [?] in the Indian Country under Major Willet.

That he was wounded on York Island about the time the enemy took it and was taken prisoner, but his mother who had several of the officers of the enemy billeted at her hands, got him paroled, which he immediately broke and left the city takeing [taking] with him dispatches for Gen Washington and she had always understood that through his mother who continued to reside in the City of New York, kept Gen. Washington well informed of the intended movement of the enemy. That she believed he continued in the service until the close of the war, that she believes altho he held the rank of Drum major he was on some occasions, carrying expresses in the Indian Country, that he had the confidence of all his officers, including the commander in chief, Washington that she cannot state the precise length of his service but believes he was in or with the then armey [army] in New York during the whole entire period of the war, that after he left the City of New York at the time he broke his parole, he was, muster at Fishkill where his brother then resided at this time he entered the services in the city of New York, in the State of New York where he resided at the time of his death.

She further declares that the annexed register which has always been kept in her possession in her Prayer book, that it is made in the handwriting of her said late husband the said Abraham Ryckman, and exhibited in two records of the Acts of the births of their children.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Ryckman in the month of November or December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four, that her husband the aforesaid Abraham Ryckman, died on the [blank] day of February in

the year eighteen hundred and twelve, that she as not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Tamar Ryckman

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court before me, Judah Hammond Justice of the Marine Court. New York City Hall 25 Jan 1844.

Jeremianh Ryckman was born Decem 1st 1785.

Elizth Ryckman was born July 20th 1787 died August 30th 1788.

Isaac Ryckman was born Jan 5th 1789.

Robert born August 1790, died 5th do.

Harrot was born July 29th 179??

Robert W. Ryckman was born July 7 1793.

Lewis W. Ryckman was born [July?] 27th 179?.

Sarah Ryckman was born November 21, 1798.

Jonathan was born May 5th

Ann Eliz Ryckman March 3, 1801.

William Ryckman was born July 25, 1803.