

### **Pension Application for Abraham Sleight**

S.22995

Private, Captain Schenck, Col. Bailey.

Dutchess Com Pleas

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the town of Poughkeepsie in & for the County of Dutchess on the twenty seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. Present—Edmund H. Pendleton, Robert S. Livingston, Stephen Thom, Joseph J. Jackson.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this day appeared in open court before the Court now sitting (the same being a court of record for said county) Abraham Sleight a resident of the town of Fishkill in said county aged 78 years on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July last, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. In the fall of 1775 deponent belonged to a uniformed company of the Militia of New York of which John Schenck was Captain, Peter Tappen was first Lieutenant, John Giles, 2 Lieutenant and John Tappen Ensign, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1776, he with the company entered actual service at Fishkill were ordered and went to New York, and were attached to a regiment of which John Bailey was either the Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel, remained in New York till May, and after Generals Sullivan and Sterling arrived at New York from Boston after the latter place was evacuated by the enemy, he with the company was sent to Poughkeepsie for the purpose of guarding the protecting the frigates which were then being vuilt there, continued there until the vessels were launched & was then dismissed did not receive a written discharge, he returned to Fishkill and remained home about two weeks, and then entered at Fishkill as a class man in Captain Abraham Schencks company of militia in Colonel Jacobus Swartwouts regiment under General James Clinton, for nine months, went down to Kingsbridge; was there when the enemy landed on Long Island and remained there until our army evacuated New York, thence went to White Plains and was near there when McDougels battle was fought, went thence to Fort Constitution in the Highlands and remained there until he was discharged on the first day of January 1777, had no written discharge. Remembers during this service General George Clinton, General McDougel, Colonel Luddington, of the New York Militia, Captains Barnardus, Swartwout of Col. Swartwout's regiment.

In 1778 in July or August, after harvest, entered as a class man at Fishkill in Captain Christian VanVoorhes' Company of militia in Colonel Humphrey's regiment for four months, went to Fishkill and encamped there, there were two regiments there from Ulster and one from Dutchess, remained and served there as orderly seargeant of the company for two months, then favorable news being received that their services were no longer required the whole of the militia in the neighborhood were dismissed, no written discharge—afterwards at Fishkill on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1782, the year in which Cornwallis was taken, deponent entered as a class man for nine months in Captain Henry Dodge's Company of Militia in Colonel Weisenfil's regiment, I joined the company at Fishkill went to West Point went thence by water with Captain Godwin's Company to Albany, staid there some time in the barracks, went thence the two companies together, to Schenectada, thence to Johnstown, staid there some weeks, and joined the residue of the regiment at Saratoga, was at that place when they heard of the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, and remained there till the last of October when by arrangement with his brother John with consent of the officers, his said brother took his place and served until the expiration of the term of nine months, where he was discharged in the winter, deponent entered and served as orderly sergeant, except from West Point to Saratoga he was detailed and acted as adjutant to the two companies, did not receive a written discharge.

There were continental and other troops at Saratoga at the time, but deponent can not now recollect the names of the officers. He was born at Kingston in Ulster County July 27, 1754, has a record of his age at home taken from the church book at Kingston, has lived since the war in Fishkill except one year he lived in Hyde Park in Dutchess County, deponent has not any documentary evidence or direct proof of his service other than the affidavits of James Sleight and James Ackerman hereto annexed, and he refers to the said James Ackerman & Abraham Myers to testify as to his character and reputation as a revolutionary soldier.

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) Abraham Sleight

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Henry C. Traver, Clerk.

Letter dated May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1895.

Replying to your request for information concerning the military record of Abraham Sleight, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you are advised that he made an application for pension on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1832, at which time he was residing at Fishkill, N.Y., and 75 years of age, and his pension was allowed for seven months and twelve days actual service as a private in the New York troops, Revolutionary War; a part of the time he served under Capt. John Scheck and Col. John Bradley. He probably enlisted from Ulster Co., N.Y.