

### Pension Application for Abiathar Squier

R.10024

To the Honorable T. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions at the War Department pension office at the City of Washington.

S'r,

I received a line from you dated 18<sup>th</sup> of Instant may by which I am informed with the particulars relative to the petison [petition] to which sent to that office requesting a pension and that it was rejected on the account of my serving as a water. [waiter]

Now S'r I will state to your honor the hull [whole] facts relative to my services and my situation my father came home from the Northern Army the latter end of October 1775 a few days after his return he was appointed a Lieut. in a regiment commanded by John Williams Coll of Salom [Salen] Washington County State of New York called New York Rangers the Regt consisted of three Capts compneys and one compney [sic] to consist of a lieut, one Sergent and one Corporel and twenty privates my father Gideon Squier was the Lieut., Nathaniel Mallory Sergent, Zadock Hurlbut Corporal the [?] Orders was without a limited time but was during the pleasure of the convention of the State of New York. My father inlisted in avery few days almost his Colo was very anxious for me to inlist as thare was many boys in the army not larger than I was but my Mother aprosed it with all her facility I did not inlist till one of the Last one Ruben Greene that inlisted one of the first he chose for his water [waiter] on or about the first day of Dec'r 1775 I inlisted and received one half of the bounty given by the state to those inlisted in that Reft which was either 25 [?] or 15 I am not certing which I went emediatly to work with the company at building a bridge acrost the river in guarding gravil called polit River on the road that runs from Bennington in Vermont to the place called Skenesborough in the fore part of Jan'y 1776 the regt past muster at the place now called Salam whare the Coll. Lived I then Rec'd the other half of the bounty I worked with the company till the bridge was done for the Arme'y to Cross, in the spring my father agreed with said Green to change with me and let me serve as his water which I did and continued so till discharged which was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1777, I went with the company whare ever they went carried a fun pounder home Tomeyhok and all the implements that any of them carried was regulary returned to the Coll as soldier and drewed the same pay that they did, in the month of October 1780 I was in the State of Vermont and thare was alaram thare I turned out with the Melissia and went to Casleton joined to a company commanded by Capa. S. Meriman of Wells in a Regt commanded by Coll. T. Willard in a brigade commanded by Genl Ethen Allen sarved nine days there and then turned out a volunteer for one month to keep garrison at the fort the Capta. Was appointed by the Vollerter his name was Isaac Clark the fort was commanded by Coll Ira Allen now decs.

I am poor have no property except two or three acres of woodland have a daughter that has been sick eleven years and a feeble wife and no way to support them but by hard labour and if it could be consistant with the act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 to give me a pension it would be a means to help to support my self and family and would receive the thanks and gratitude of one who underwent hardships hunger and Cold to obtain freedom and liberty for American and in consequence of the war a hard life ever since. S'r yours affectionately. Abiathar Squier

Roxbury Litchfield Co. State Conn't. May 27<sup>th</sup> 1833.