

### **Pension Application for Abraham Storms**

W.19402 (Widow: Alletta Snideker born 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1759.) Married by Rev'd Samuel Verbruyck at Isaac & Elinor Blauvelt's house between Christmas and New Year in the year 1779, on a Wednesday. Abraham died June 27, 1838. Alletta was granted a certificate of pension under the opinion of the Attorney General of the 2d Sep. 1842, which was given in consequence of the Resolution of Congress of the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1842.

State of New York  
Rockland County SS.

On this thirtieth day of November in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [sic], now sitting, Abraham Storms, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in the County of Rockland and State of New York, aged seventy three years, the sixth day of June 1832, 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. That in the month of June in the year 1776, he enlisted in the City of New York in a company commanded by Capt. Jeremiah Wool, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n Malcom in Genl Scots Brigade for six months, and first lay sometime in the City of New York, then crossed the river to Long Island and was near General Starling in his engagement with the British Army, and then retreated with General Washington's Army to New York, then to Harlem, then to Kings Bridge, then to White Plains, then to Peekskill and from that place to Haverstraw, where he was discharged about Christmas day, then early in the month of February 1777 at a place called New City, in the now town of Clarkstown, he enlisted for three months, in a company commanded by Capt. Abraham Ouderdonk, Isaac Coe Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n Paulding and sometimes Col. Cooper, and marched to Closter, and being on a Picket Guard, on the twenty first day of March, was taken prisoner by Col'n Bushkirk's & Bartly's men, and taken to New York, and remained there a prisoner (sometime in the Provo, sometime, in the Sugar House, and some time on Parole) for one year six months and a half, when he was exchanged and he returned home, that then early in the spring of the year 1779, he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt. Aury Smith, in a Regiment then command[ed] by Col'n Gilbert Cooper, and served therein until the close of the Revolutionary War, that during his service under Capt Smith he served in guarding along the west shoar [shore] of the Hudson River, from Closter to Stony Point, and at different places in the now county of Rockland and in the county of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, and served at different periods from one to four weeks at a time so that the most of his time during the years 79, 80 & 81 was expended in the service of the United States, and is confident that he served more than one year under the aforesaid Capt. Smith, that he has no documentary evidence, and the only positive proof he has to offer is some of the men that served in the Brigade and company with him.

That during the Revolutionary war he resided when at home with his father, in the now town of Clarkstown where he has resided ever since the war, and is well known by the inhabitants of the same who can testify as to his character for veracity.

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 Storms

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. David Pye, Clerk

Extract from the record of Baptism kept by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Clarkstown Viz.—

A.D. 1781, 6 April

Abraham Storms, Aeltje Snediker: Abraham

A.D. 1783, 8 August

Abraham Storm, Aeltje Sneidiker: John

A.D. 1788, 14 September

Abraham Storms, Aeltje Snediker: Maria

A.D. 1791, 5 June, 3 July

Abraham Storms, Aeltje Snediker: John

A.D. 1798, 15 July Elizabeth, born 25 June

Abraham Storms, Aeltje Snediker

A.D. 1803, 10 April Gerrit Snediker, born 6 March

Abraham Storms, Aeltje Snediker: Abraham

Letter in file dated June 9, 1936, written in response to a request for information.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.19402, based upon the service of Abraham Storms during the War of the Revolution.

Abraham Storms was born June 6, 1759 at Phillipse Manor, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing with his father, in New York City, Abraham Storms enlisted sometime in June, 1776, served as private in Captain Jeremiah Wool's company, Colonel Malcolm's New York regiment, was on Long Island at the time of the engagement there and in the retreat and was discharged at Haverstraw about Christmas, 1776, and returned to his father's home, who had moved to New City, which was later Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York. Abraham Storms enlisted in Clarkstown sometime in February, 1777, served as a private in Captain Abraham Onderdonk's company, Colonel Paulding's New York regiment, was taken prisoner March 21, 1777, carried to New York City and held in the Sugar House three months and fifteen days, when he was released on

parole, but was compelled to remain within the limits of the City until exchanged in September, 1778. He enlisted in the fall of 1778 and served at various times until the close of the war in Captain Aury Smith's company, Colonels A. Hawkes Hays' and Gilbert Cooper's New York regiments, did guard duty along the North River, on the West Shore of the Hudson river, and in various places in Rockland County, New York, and Bergen County, New Jersey.

The soldier, Abraham Storms, was allowed pension on his application executed, November 30, 1832, then a resident of Clarkstown, New York. He died there June 27, 1838.

Abraham Storms married December 28, 1779, Alletta (Aeltje) Snedeker (Snidiker); they were married at a house then occupied by Isaac Blauvelt and his wife, Elinor, it is not stated that they were related to either Abraham Storms or his wife, Alletta.

The widow, Alletta Storms, was allowed pension on her application executed, November 20, 1838, then residing in Clarkstown, New York. She was born March 2, 1759, place not stated, nor are the names of her parents given; she was living in 1848 in New York City.

The children of Abraham Storms and his wife, Alletta--.

Abraham born April 6, 1781.

John born August 8, 1783.

Maria born May 11, 1788.

Elizabeth born June 25, 1798.

Garret Snidiker born March 6, 1803.

The widow's brother, John Snedeker, died late in the year 1779, her sister, Sarah Snedeker, was present at the marriage, and her brother Garret Snedeker, in 1839 was seventy-five years of age and living in Clarkstown, New York. Polly Storms, the soldier's sister, was also present at the marriage.

State of New York  
Rockland County SS.

I, Peter J. Quick, Pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Clarkstown, depose and say, that a book being a record of the Children that are baptized, belonging in said Congregation, and that the above are true extracts from the records of said church. Rev. Peter J. Quick

Sworn before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839