

**Pension Application for Abraham Van Fleet**

S.40617

District of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas holden at Wilkes Barre for the County of Luzerne being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Court of the Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings, Abraham Van Fleet aged Sixty years a resident of Luzerne County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 that he the said Abraham VanFleet, enlisted for the term of three years on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1778 in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Daniel Wood in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Malcolm in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the same corps until the month of April 1779 and was then transferred to the company commanded Captain James Bunnell in the regiment commanded by Colonel Oliver Spencer in the line of the State of New Jersey and continued to serve in that corps until the month of December 1780 when he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain James Gregg in the regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaich being the first regiment in the line of the State of New York and continued to served therein until the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1781 when he was discharged at the head of Elk in the state of Maryland that he was in the battle of Connecticut Farms in New Jersey and the battle of Springfield (same state) and also at the siege of Cornwallis, York-town Virginia and that other evidence of his said service is the certificate of Captain Wood (above named and the certificate of Thomas Cannon a fellow soldier which certificates he has been to New York State to procure in consequence of his discharge being burnt and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part of it with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and that I have nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts of debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) Abraham Van Fleet.

Sworn and Subscribed in open court 8<sup>th</sup> Augt 1820. A. Beaumont Pwt  
Schedule of Property

I have besides necessary clothing and bedding—

One Iron pot, One Dollar & fifty cents (Sums carried out by clerk) &1.50

One tea Kettle One Dollar 1.00

One Griddle two Dollars & fifty cents 2.50

One Spinning Wheel (Small) 3.00  
One Shovel & tongs two dollars 2.00  
One Pine Chest two dollars 2.00

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\$12.00

Real Estate none

I have no debts due to me that are recoverable.

I am indebted in the following sums

One debt (in a judgment) of Fifty one dollars & thirty cents.

One debt sixteen dollars. One debt Eleven dollars & 17/10 0

One debt four dollars & fifty cents

One debt (in judgment) of sixteen dollars & forty one cents.

I am by trade a Farmer but from age and infirmity am unable to pursue that occupation I have no family residing with me but together with a daughter Fanny aged sixteen years who in consequence of being deprived of her reason is unable to support herself depend on the charity of my son in law for a home and his is unable to support me and my daughter. (Signed) Abraham Van Fleet.

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Letter in folder dated August 17, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.40617, it appears that Abraham Van Fleet enlisted in New York State, November 18, 1778 and served as a private in captain Daniel Wood's Company, Colonel William Malcolm's Continental Regiment, until April 1779, when he was transferred to Captain James Bunnell's Company, Colonel Oliver Spencer's Continental Regiment, was in the battles of Connecticut Farms, and Springfield, land served until December 1780, when transferred to Captain James Gregg's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment, was at the Siege of York, and was discharged November 18, 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 8, 1820, while a resident of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, aged sixty years.

In 1820, soldier referred to his daughter, Fanny, aged sixteen years, and son-in-law, but did not give his name. The name of soldier's wife is not on record, nor is there any further data on file as to family.