

Pension Application for Abraham Winfield

S.44060

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the eight day of September 1828 personally appeared in open court being the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid being a Court of Record having a Clerk and Seal Abraham Winfield aged sixty three years—[blank] months a resident of said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Abraham Winfield enlisted at Shawangunk in the said County for the term of nine months on the [blank] day of March or April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the company commanded by Capt White (recruiting officer Lieutenant Aldert Roosa place of enlistment at George Smiths Innkeeper in said town of Shawangunk) in the regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenvelt and served therein for the full term of nine months in the State of New York in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps [Corps] until the day of February 1781 being for the full term of nine months when he was discharged from said services in the County of Ulster and State of New York that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except the present that he never was in any regular battles that he was during said term in skirmishes with the Indians &c.

That he was a private in the said company that I was enlisted by Lieutenant Aldert Roosa as aforesaid and served in the company commanded by Captain White in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenvelt and went from Shawangunk to Mamakating in Sullivan County and was stationed on the lines.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 thereof 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 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed that my family consists of myself and my wife Mary who is now fifty years of age and is considerable delicate in health that I won the following property. Landed property I have none nor any right or title of land vested in and nor any income received therefrom;.

Personal property. I own the following.

2 beds & bedding 4 chairs, 6 plates, 1 pot, 2 dishes 4 knives and forks 1 table 1 wheel 7 sheep 1 pr Shovels & tongs 1 pr hand irons considered to be worth

1 bed & bedding \$4, 1 pr straw? \$1.50, 4 chairs \$1.50, 6 plates 25 cts, 1 pot \$1, 2 dishes 12 ½ cts, 4 knives & forks \$0.25, 1 table \$1, 1 wheel \$125, 7 sheep \$7, 1

pr shovel & tongs \$1, 1 pr and irons \$1.50, in the whole worth \$20.47 together with necessary wearing apparel for myself and my wife for our immediate and daily use and no more that since the 18th day of march 1818. The following changes have been made in my property viz I then had 1 cow worth \$12, 6 sheep worth \$6, 2 beds & bedding worth \$5.50, 6 chairs worth \$2 plates worth 37 ½ cts, knives & forks worth 75 cents table worth \$1. Wheel worth \$1.50 shovel & tongs & hand Irons worth \$2 together with; wearing apparel barely necessary for myself and family that no changes have been made in my property except that I sold my cow for \$12 which said money together with my daily earnings were expended for the use of my family and that I had no other property on the 18th day of March 1818 or since that time except that which I have stated except the earnings of my daily labour which was applied to the support of my family and that all the property (real I have had none) and personal property since the 18th day of March 1818 to this date I have not held to the value of fifty dollars of every kind at any one time during said term and that there has not nor was not any property owned possessed nor transferred by me since the 18th day of March 1818 to this date except what is heretofore in the foregoing declaration particularly set forth and I do further swear as aforesaid that the reasons why I have not made an earlier application for my pension are first from an impression that none of the revolutionary soldiers were entitled to a pension except those who served for during the war and that the obtaining of the same was attended with doubt trouble and expence [expense] and that untill lately I have been able to maintain myself and my family residing with me by my daily labour but that I am feeling the decrepitude of old age so much as to be unable longer comfortably to support myself and family without the charatable [charitable] assistance of my neighbours which necessity and the advise of my neighbours led me to make an effort for my pension and enquire in the rights I had thereto. (Signed) Abraham Winfield.

Sworn to and declared on the 8th day o September 1818 before the Judges of the Court in open court. Attest A. D. Soper First Judge, Ulster County. Jacob Snyder Clerk of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster.

Letter in folder dated September 18, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim, S.44080, based upon the military service of Abraham Winfield.

The date and place of his birth are not stated, and the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted March or April 1780 in Shawangunk, Ulster county, New York, and served nine months as private in Captain White's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 8, 1828 while a resident of Olive, Ulster County, New York, aged sixty-three years.

In 1828 his wife, Mary, was fifty years old. It is not stated whether they had any children.

This is the history of the only soldier names Abraham Winfield found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.