

Pension Application for Abraham Wood

S.14880

State of New York

County of Orange SS

On this fifteenth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of orange & State of New York aforesaid now sitting at NewBurgh in said County Abraham Wood a resident of Montgomery in the County of Orange aforesaid aged seventy three years 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 & served as herein stated.

In the summer of 1776 he was at least three times at Fort Montgomery in Captain Roos's Company of Shawangunk Ulster County in Col. Hardenbergh's Regiment of New York militia that as near as he this deponent can recollect he was out on each of these occasions on an average of at least eight days at a time Col. McLaughrey of Little Britain then Ulster County aforesaid commanded at Fort Montgomery—

In December 1776 he was again ordered out to New Jersey in the same company & regiment and under the same Captain as aforesaid. Col. Johannes Jansen commanded the Regiment on this occasion.

He was out in this tour of duty six weeks Col. Jansen was out only four weeks & left a detachment of his Regiment in service in New Jersey at Ramapoo [Ramapo] of which detachment deponent was one when first going on this tour of duty they marched from Shawangunk to NewBurgh then to Kakiack [Nyack?] there to Haverstraw & lastly to Ramapoo in New Jersey. Staid about one week at Kakiack about the same time at Haverstraw & at Ramapoo the residue of the six weeks.

In the spring or early part of the Summer of 1777 deponent was out again to Fort Montgomery thinks he was out at least three times that season before the battle on an average of eight days each time.

Was not in the service at the time of the battle but on the very day of the battle (October 6th) he was again ordered out & marched the next day from Shawangunk to New Windsor lay there a few days till the British came up the river then marched for Kingston. Saw the smoke of Kingston just as they were going up the hill north of the Rosendoll.

From this place they marched ton Marbletown then to Hurley lay there about a week—from thence to NewBurgh where he lay about a week longer & was there dismissed making about six weeks at this time.

On the three first occasions this season—when he was at Fort Montgomery before the battle he was in Captain Roos's company & under the command of Col. McLaughry, Captain Roos was killed at the battle of Fort Montgomery. The last six weeks of his service this season Masten formerly a lieutenant under Roos commanded the company. The Regiment was commanded by Coll Hardenbergh Taylor a spy had

been taken near Snake hill west of NewBurgh. He was carried with the company during this last expedition to Rosendoll then to Marbletown then to Hurley & there hanged.

In 1778 (he thinks in the fall) deponent was over the mountain to Peenpack & Mamakating about one month Captain Gillespie commanded the company. During this time the Indians burnt Peenpack. Deponent was at several other times during the war but by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of the service nor the times at which it was performed. He was out frequently during the remainder of the war on the frontier & doing class duty at Fort Montgomery, West Point, Fort Constitution, New Windsor, the Chevaux de frise, Mamakating, Neponach, Wawasing, & Peenpack that on each of these occasions he was out not less than eight days at a time on an average & the number of times he was then out exclusive of all that has been before mentioned according to the best of his recollection & belief could not have been less than seven. 1

Besides the deponent who on two or three other occasions called out for three or four days at a time.

On every occasion above enumerated during the whole war whenever the deponent was called out he always went as a musician—except on one or two occasions when he went as a private for a week or two.

Abraham Schoonmaker was adjutant of the Shawangunk regiment to which the deponent belonged. He was frequently disabled by a sore back from doing duty at which times Michael Billinger often did adjutant's duty & after Scoonmaker quit the duty Billinger acted as Adjutant altogether.

Deponent was born on the twenty fifth of December 1759 in the town of Montgomery then Ulster County—The record of his age is in his father's bible now owned by Robert Crowell the husband of his (deponent') niece the daughter of his oldest brother.

Deponent lived in Shawangunk till near the close of the Revolutionary war towards the end of the war he removed to Montgomery & now lives there & has so lived there ever since the revolution.

On the expiration from New Windsor to Kingston above mentioned Col Webb was a regular officer from New Windsor. They met Governor Clinton on the north of the Rosdoll.

Upon the whole then in accordance with the statement above set forth & with his best recollection & belief this deponent declares that during the course of the war the length of time he was actually in service in the New York State Militia could not be less than seven months & a half.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Abraham Wood

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dunning Clerk

Letter in folder dated February 12, 1932 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Abraham Wood, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.14880, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Abraham Wood.

He was born December 25, 1759 in Montgomery, Ulster County, New York.

While a resident of Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, he enlisted in the summer of 1776 and served at various times until sometime in 1783, amounting in all to seven and one half months, as a private and musician with the New York troops under Captains Ross, Masten and Gillespie and Colonels Hardenberg, Johannes Jansen and McLaughry Cantine.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 15, 1833, then a resident of Montgomery, Orange County, New York, where he had moved about the close of the Revolution.

There are no data relative to his wife and children.