

Pension Application for Azariah Babcock

W.25198 (Widow Sabra)

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Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

State of New York

Cortland County SS.

On this twenty second day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine personally appeared before me Daniel Hawks, County Judge in and for the said County of Cortland, Sabra Babcock, a resident of the Town of Truxton in said County of Cortland aged eighty six years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she this declarant is now the widow of Azariah Babcock, who departed this life in the Town of Grafton in the County of Rensselaer in the State of New York, on the fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and that since his death Declarant has remained his widow single and unmarried.

That her husband the aforesaid Azariah Babcock, was a soldier of the United States during the War of the American Revolution. That in the forepart of the said War of the Revolution her said husband resided in the Town of Voluntown in the State of Connecticut from whence, as she has often heard him relate and which she verily believes true, he entered the service and served for a period of nine months in the Company of Captain Eldridge (1) and Regiment of Colonel Prentiss. He served also in the Militia and at different times and on different occasions while living in said State of Connecticut.

That in about the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine her said husband came from Voluntown aforesaid to live in Grafton aforesaid and in said State of New York, where Declarant then also resided. That while her said husband was so living in said Grafton he served on numerous occasions in the Militia of Rensselaer County.

That he belonged to the militia of the said County of Rensselaer and there stood his regular drafts and served with said militia under Captain Shaw (2) and others at various times and on numerous occasions until the close of the said War. That while living in Voluntown aforesaid and in the forepart of the said war he served on an expedition to the City of New York and was there engaged in a battle (3) with the enemy. That while serving in the Militia of Rensselaer County as aforesaid he was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians and Tories. That Declarant verily believes that her said husband rendered a vast amount of service for his country against the common enemy during the said War of the Revolution, but that owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory declarant is not now able to describe his said services fully which her said husband rendered in the aforesaid War of the Revolution and many of the Accounts and statements which he has frequently made to her when relating his exploits and suffering in said War while in said service, she has now forgotten.

And declarant further said that she was duly married to her husband the aforesaid Azariah Babcock, in the aforesaid Town of Grafton in said County of Rensselaer and State of New York, on the sixteenth day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one by the rev. r. Barnes.

That the following named persons were present at her said marriage, to wit, Eleaser Hill, and his wife, Sarah Martin, and Huldah Reynolds.

That her husband the aforesaid Azariah Babcock served in the Militia of the said County of Rensselaer from Grafton aforesaid both previous to and after her said marriage to him in March of seventeen hundred and eighty one as aforesaid, declarant well remembers that he was called out on scouts and alarms and was twice drafted into the service in the summer and fall following their said marriage, to wit, in the summer and fall of 1781.

That declarant applied for her pension several years ago and then employed an attorney to collect the necessary evidence, but declarant does not know whether her papers were ever forwarded on to the Pension Department at Washington or not.

That in 1845, she again employed an attorney to collect the evidence and prepare her papers but as nothing of importance appears to have been effected in the matter she now makes this application for her said pension and being now in indigent circumstances, aged and infirm, she respectfully solicits the benefits of the provisions of the aforesaid, act of July 4th, 1836, and prays that she may be immediately pensioned under the said act. (Signed with her mark) Sabra Babcock

Sworn before me this 22d day of August 1849D.Hawks, County Judge of Cortland Co.

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1. James Eldridge was Captain from January 1, 1776 to December 31, 1776 in the Tenth Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel H. Parsons. Parsons was promoted on August 9, 1776 to Brigadier General in the Continental Army. Lieutenant Colonel John Tyler was promoted to Colonel and Major Samuel Prentiss was promoted to lieutenant colonel.
2. Captain Samuel Shaw served in Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
3. Possibly the Battle of Long Island which was fought on August 27, 1776. They were in skirmishes etc., on the retreat from New York City, one of which happened on September 15, 1776 and in which Major James Chapman of the 10th Continental Regiment was killed.