

Pension Application for Absalom Carey

W.17590 (Widow: Temperance Cooley) Temperance was born November 27, 1769. Married July 27, 1787.

Absolom Carey.
State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this third day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Orange (being a Court of Record) now sitting Absolom Carey a resident of Orange County and the State of New York aged 69 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

That in the spring 1779 as Deponent thinks he enlisted in the army of the United States as a waggoner and fatigue man for the term of five months taking the place of one Benjamin Parker who had enlisted—said Parker wished to leave the service and this deponent was accepted in his stead—this was at Newburgh in Orange County. Deponent lived in the town of Walkill County of Orange. There were about twenty men at Newburgh as a guard—Colonel Mitchell was there in command of the whole post—

Deponent entered under Captain William Cummings, Captain Peter Mills was there—Lieutenant Sampson was there—there were a number of Carpenters and Blacksmiths there engaged in the public service—there were about two hundred as near as deponent can recollect Deponent staid principally with Colonel Mitchell was sent on express on some occasions by him over the river about twenty miles to a place then called Frederickburgh—he also drew wood for the use of the post there and for Colonel Mitchel—

Deponent continued there under that engagement to the end of the said five months—Deponent when he first entered the service of the United States was about fourteen years of age—his father was then in the service as a carpenter—Deponent recollects that soap and candles were made there for the use of the army.

Immediately on the termination of the said enlistment and in November 1779 he again enlisted in the service of the United States at the same place for the term of one year as a waggoner or fatigue men.

That he remained in the service at Newburgh aforesaid for the said term of one year under Captain William Cummings, Col. Mitchell was there also in command of the Post. Captain Peter Mills was then in command of sons of the Artificers—Deponent continued in the said service at Newburgh for the said term of one year—

That at the end of the said term of one year he again enlisted in the service at the same place for the term of one year—The same officers continued there. Deponent remained in the said service at Newburgh during the term aforesaid at the end of the year and was discharged and went to Walkill.

And Deponent further saith that his father who was in the service at the same place as an artificer and got deponent in the same service and received Deponent's pay as he understood except for the term mentioned in a certificate hereto annexed signed by Captain Cummings and which deponent transmits as evidence in favor of his service—The said certificate was given to Deponent's father Elihu Carey and after the war was over it was given to deponent.

Deponent further says that he recollects to have received some clothing during the time he was in the service—cannot state the quantity.

Deponent has no other documentary evidence than the discharge above stated and hereto annexed.

That he was born in the Town of Walkill in the County of Orange on the 9th day of April 1766.

That he has no record of his age.

That he lived in the town of Walkill when called into the service that he has lived 15 or 20 years in the town of Walkill since the war and rest of the time in the town of Minisink where he now resides.

He was a volunteer.

That he is known to John Halloch Jun, Elihu Carey (a brother) and David Moore inhabitants of the said town of Minisink and who reside in his neighbourhood to whom he can refer to testify as to his character or truth and veracity and their belief of his service in the revolution.

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.

There is only one man known to this declarant who can testify with any particularity as to any part of his service aforesaid and he resides about one hundred miles from this deponent & it will be extremely difficult & attended with considerable expense to procure his evidence—His name is Henry Sampson & as deponent understands now draws a pension. (Signed with his mark) Absalom Carey

Subscribed & Sworn in open court the third day of December 1832 before me. Asa Dunning,
Clerk

Copy of the family record of Absalom and Temperance (Cooley) Carey on file with their pension papers, the originals (two pieces of paper) having been returned to M. E. Toole of Ithaca for himself and in behalf of Revd Absalom Carey, a son of pensioner aged 88 years.

Nathaniel Cooley born Feby 28, 1744.

Sarah, his wife born Jan'y 11, 174...(last figure missing)

(Children in part—leaf of New Testament torn apart)

Temperance Cooley born Nov 27, 1769.

(Family record of Absalom Carey)

Absalom Carey, born April 9, 1765. [note in margin *In his declaration for pension his birth year is stated 1766 and 1765 thus 1766.*]

Temperance (his wife) born Nov 27, 1769.

Were married in 1786.

Children

Abner Carey, born April 18, 1787.

Nathaniel Carey born Nov 29, 1789.

Stephen Carey born Jan'y 1, 1793.

Benjamin Carey born Nov 11, 1795.

Herther Carey born May 6, 1797.

Samuel Carey born April 8, 1800.

Absalom Carey born June 6, 1802.

David N. Carey born June 19, 1805.

Letter in folder dated January 29, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.17590 it appears that Absalom Carey, the son of Elihu Carey, was born April 9, 1765 or 1766 in Wallkill, Orange County, New York.

While a resident of said Wallkill he enlisted in the spring of 1779 and served five months as Wagoner in Captain William Cumming's Company, Colonel Mitchel's New York Regiment. He enlisted November 1, 1779 and served until August 4, 1780 as wagoner in Captain William Cumming's Company, Colonel Mitchel's New York Regiment, and enlisted in 1780 and served one year under said officers.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 3, 1832 while a resident of Minisink, Orange County, New York. He died December 30, 1841 in Chemung, Chemung County, New York.

Soldier married August 12, 1786 in Dolsontown, Minisink, Orange County, New York, Temperance born November 27, 1769, the daughter of Nathaniel Cooley of Orange County, New York, born February 28, 1744, and his wife Sarah Cooley born January 11, 1744. Said Nathaniel was the son of Daniel Cooley.

Temperance Carey was allowed pension on her application executed October 13, 1843 while a resident of Chemung, New York. The children of Absalom and Temperance Carey:

Abner born April 18, 1787.

Nathaniel born November 29, 1789.

Stephen born January 1, 1793.

Benjamin born November 11, 1795.

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