

Pension Application for Abiel or Abial Cook

W.6704 (Widow: Julia Anna Barras) He died 1959, at Edmeston, NY.

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State of New York

County of Otsego SS.

Be it remembered that on the sixth day of July 1832 before James C. Walworth Esqr. a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid (said court being a court of record having unlimited powers as to the amount of its jurisdiction and a court proceeding upon the principles of Common Law, with the power of fine & imprisonment, personally appeared Abial Cook aged seventy years for the purpose of obtaining a pension for the United States for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States for Revolutionary services, under the law of the United States of the 7th June 1832, entitled an act supplementary to the "Act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the revolution" passed 15th May 1828 who being duly sworn deposed and saith that in the fall of the year 1778 he served two months on guard at Old Fairfield in the Connecticut troops but his officers names and day he entered or left the service he cannot state, think s his captain's name was Barnes.

That in March in the year 1779 he was detached as substitute for a man by the name of Kenedy in the regular service of the United States at Nine Partners in the State of New York for the term of nine months, and marched to Fort Plain and mustered as near as he can now recollect in Capt. Walkers Company in Col. Weisenfelt's Regiment on the Mohawk River. Served in Sullivan's expedition against the Indians at the west—and was at the expiration of his term of none service [sic] regularly discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey—the last of December 1779.

That in the year 1780 at New Milford in the state of Connecticut he entered in the regular service of the United States as a substitute for a man by the name of Clark for the term of six months he cannot with certainty recollect his officers names but thinks it was in Col. Sheldon's Connecticut regiment. That this term of service commenced about the last of June and at the expiration of said term of service he was regularly discharged near West Point in the State of New York about the 11th January 1781. That at New Fairfield in Connecticut on or about the 1st of March 1781 he enlisted into Capt. Smith's company in Col. Waterbury's or Major Shipman's regiment Connecticut State Troops for the term of one year and that he continued in the service till the end of said term when he was regularly discharged at Stanridge in the State of Connecticut about the 1st March 1782.

That his several discharges for said terms of service he supposing they were of no more use after he had got home they were lost or destroyed so that he cannot now produce them to corroborate his statement. (Signed) Abiel Cook

Sworn and subscribed to this 6th day of July 1832 before me; James C. Walworth one of the Judges of Otsego Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated February 9, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Abiel or Abial Cook, a Revolutionary War soldier who applied for pension in 1832, and whose claim was allowed—pension number W.6704. You state that you desire particularly, information in regard to soldier's son, David, and to his two wives.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.6704, based upon the military service in that war of Abiel Cook.

Abiel Cook was born in New Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The date of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of said New Fairfield County, Abiel Cook enlisted in the fall of 1778, and served two months as a guard at "Old Fairfield", Connecticut, under Captain Barned in the Connecticut troops: he enlisted in March 1779, at Nine Partners, New York, served as a private in Captain Walker's Company,

Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment, marched to Fort Plain and was in general Sullivan's Indian expedition and was discharged in December 1779: he enlisted at New Milford, Connecticut, the latter part of June, 1780, and served six months as a private under Colonel Sheldon in the Connecticut troops; soldier stated that he was at King's Ferry when General Arnold deserted to the British and saw him go down the river in his barge when he left to board the British vessel, also, that he was present at Tappan, when Major Andre was executed: he enlisted at New Fairfield, Connecticut, March 1, 1781, served in Captain Smith's Company under Major Shipman, was stationed at Stanwich, Connecticut, Horse Neck, and White Plains, engaged in protecting the inhabitants from the British and Tories; length of this service, one year.

Abiel Cook was allowed pension on his application executed July 6, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy years and resided in New Lisbon, Otsego County, New York. He signed Abiel Cook, was borne on the pension roll, Abial Cook.

He died at Edmeston, Otsego County, New York, July 28, 1849.

The soldier married in November 1825 at Hartwick, Otsego County, New York, Julia Anna Barras. The date of her birth, place and names of her parents are not shown, and no reference was made to any former marriage of the soldier.

Soldiers widow, Julia Anna, was allowed pension on her application executed September 6, 1853, at which time she was aged seventy-seven years and resided in Edmeston, New York. In 1855, she was living in Pittsfield, Otsego County, New York.

No names of any children are given.

The widow stated that her brother Robinson Barras, and his wife were present when she married the soldier; there are no further data in regard to them.