

Pension Application for Abraham DeWitt

W.25585 (Widow: Anna Pells) Married November 9, 1837. Abraham died in Saugerties December 9, 1845. In 1855 while making application for pension, Anna stated she was 67 years old.

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ulster County, being a court of record for said County, proceeding according to the course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings, having a clerk and a seal of their own, Abraham DeWitt a resident of the town of Saugerties aged sixty nine years, in the County of Ulster, 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: That in the spring of the year 1779 he was drafted as one of a class for half a month and volunteered for one of the class as a substitute, for Jacobus Winne, as a private soldier for another half month, in the militia service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War, in Lieutenant Tobias Myer's company making one month, stationed at the house of one Peter Short in the town of Woodstock, Ulster County, built a fort around his house, and was there after full term of one month then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of July in the year 1780, he volunteered as a substitute for one Mr. Keefer, as a private soldier of aforesaid, in the company of Capt Westbrouck, Lieut Hommell for three months entered the company at Wararsing, from there marched to Shandaken from there to near the Susquehannah River at Beaver Creek got out of provisions returned from there to a place called Lackawack in the Town of Wawarsing aforesaid, after sometime returned again to a place called Papachten where they ranged for some time then returned to Kingston about the first of November (1780) following and was then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of May 1781, he was again drafted as one of a class as a private soldier as aforesaid, (in the nine months service) in Capt. Moses Yeoman's Company in Col Snyder's Regiment for three & a half months and was stationed as a frontier guard in Kingston and along the Frontiers to the bounds of Albany County and was discharged sometime in the fall of (1781) following said company were known by the company of Rangers which were kept further purpose of carrying information along the frontiers.

And this applicant further declares that in the spring of the year 1782 he again entered the said service of the State of New York as a substitute for one Jacob DeWitt

(in the nine months service) for his quota of a class being four months in Capt. Henry Paulding's company in Colonel Wysesbelt's Regiment, was stationed at intervals at different houses along the line of the Frontiers between the bounds of Albany county and Marbletown Ulster County.

And that he again during the fall and after the above term of four months he again entered the same company and regiment as a substitute for one John Shiefelt for the balance of his term of service being one month & three fourths and continued in said service and said company until about the first of January following (1783) and was then discharged,

That in answer to the 1st Interrogatory he says:

That he was born in Saugerties Ulster County in [the] year 1763.

2d that he says that he as in his father's Bible. [record of his age]

3d that he says that he still does and always has lived in said town of Saugerties.

4th that he says that he was "drafted", "Volunteered" and was a "substitute".

5th that he does not recollect any regular officers save those in his declaration named.

6th, 7th that he received no written discharge.

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) Abraham Dewitt.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

AG Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges