

## **Pension Application for Abraham Gardinier**

S.29.171

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery, now sitting, Abraham Gardinier of the Town of Root, County of Montgomery and State of New York aged 76 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 and served as herein stated: Your applicant says that he drafted or enlisted in the State troops of New York, in the year 1777 on the first day of March and entered upon duty on that day and went from Johnstown Tryon County, then called, now Montgomery to the City of Albany and from thence to Fort Miller, from thence to Fort Edward, and was at Saratoga at the time of the Surrender of Burgoyne, that he was under Captain John Clute (1) the other officers names belonging to the company he does not recollect, that this company belonged to Colonel Christopher Yates,(2) Regiment & Major Christopher P. Yates (3) was the major as he believes, the then Regimental officers names he does not recollect, That he was annexed to the Brigade of Gen. Schuyler,(4) and was under his command during this term: That he enlisted for nine months and served the full term of nine months and was verbally discharged on the first of January 1778 at which time his nine months expired: Your applicant says that he again in March following in the year 1778, he enlisted in the same company and in the State Troops, for nine months and went from the same place aforesaid to Albany and from thence to West Point, under Captain Simon DeGraff,(5) Lieutenant Nicholas Schmerhorn, the other officers of the company he does not recollect, belonging to the same regiment and Brigade above mentioned and served the full term of nine months and was discharged on the first of January when his time was out, and has no written discharge. Your applicant says that he was out frequently on scouts, and alarms during the Revolution in the militia (6) at different places and was out in this manner at least five or six months: And he says that he was born in the Town of Johnstown, Tryon County, State of New York in the year 1756 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March And has no other record of his age, except his father's Family Bible. That he resided at Johnstown, when called into the Service and went as a draft. That he was acquainted with the following regular officers, with whom he served, to wit Gen. Schuyler, his [?] a man by the name of Lansing,(7) Colonel Lewis: (8) He has resided in the County of Montgomery since the revolution.

Your applicant says that he is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit, Rev. Abraham Van Horne and Robert Lenardson.

Her 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. (Signed) Abraham Gardinier

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.

Michigan Territory

County of Monroe

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1835 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Monroe personally appeared Abraham Gardinier who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Simon DeGraff in the regiment commanded by Colonel Christopher Yates in the service of the United States that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of New York from whence he has lately removed. That he now resides in the Territory of Michigan where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in the future. The following are his reasons to the Territory of Michigan that his children resided in said Territory of Michigan and that there is great inconvenience in Drawing his money from the State of New York. (Signed) Abraham Gardinier

Subscribed and Sworn before me the Day & year first above written. Norman D. Curtis, Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—S.29171—Abraham Gardinier

1. Captain John Clute's Company of Bateamen were not considered State Troops but were considered civilians working for the military and this type of service usually was not allowed as military service for a pension application.
2. This Christopher Yates was from Schenectady.
3. Christopher P. Yates was from the Palatine District in Tryon County. At this time he was a Captain in the First New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Goose VanSchaick. Companies from this regiment were stationed at various forts from Fort George on lake George to Schenectady until about July of 1777.
4. Major General Philip Schuyler

5. Captain Simon DeGraff's Company of Bateauxmen. On the muster roll Abraham is listed as enlisting on April 9, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122 (Quartermaster General's Dept.), Folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. Abraham served as a private in Captain Robert A. Yates' Company, which was the Third company, in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
7. Possibly Jacob Jno. Lansing. He served in many capacities during the war including a Deputy Muster Master in 1777, commissioner of Musters State of New York in September 1781 and as Judge Advocate for Brigadier General Peter Gansevoort's First Brigade of Albany County Militia.
8. Colonel Morgan Lewis was appointed Deputy Quartermaster General in the Northern Department on September 12, 1776.