

Pension Application for Oliver Harding

W.19711 (Widow: Cloey)

Steuben County SS.

On the 13th day of May A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the Steuben County in the State of New York, personally appears Oliver Harding aged sixty two years resident in the town of Canesteeo in the County of Steuben aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War".

That the said Oliver Harding enlisted in the town of Little Britain in the County of Ulster & State of New York in Capt. Thomas Matchin's Artillery company John Lamb Colonel—General Knox's Brigade--& served until the close of the Revolutionary War—about—the space of four years and three months—that this deponent was in the Battle at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at [?] Yorktown in the State of Virginia.

That this deponent was discharged at west Point State of N. York at the close of the war & that this deponent [?] Battle while assisting in [?] our cannon aboard our shipping to luring them to the head of Elk this deponent received a burst in his groin which disables him to work and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of his country for support and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said service having lost her discharge.

Sworn to & declared the day & year aforesaid, before me. Thos. McBurney, first judge as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated December 19, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Oliver Harding, who married Cloe Jones, and also the record of his father, Abraham Harding, both soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The record of Oliver Harding given below is obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19711, based upon his service in that war.

Oliver Harding was born in the month of September 1757, the place of his birth and names of his parents not given.

He enlisted in Little Britain, Ulster County, New York, served as private in Captain Thomas Machin's Company, Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery, was in the Siege of Yorktown, and was discharged at the close of the war at West Point, New York, having served four years and three months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 13, 1818, at which time he resided in Canisteeo, Steuben County, New York. In 1822, he was living in Hornellsville in said Steuben County.

The soldier died April 8, 1838 in Hornellsville, New York.

Oliver Harding married January 5, 1785 in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Chloe or Cloey Jones, of Exeter Township in said Luzerne County. They lived in Luzerne County after their marriage and moved from there to New York State.

The soldier's widow, Cloey Harding (as her name is borne on the pension roll), was allowed pension on her application executed November 1, 1838, at which time she resided in Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York; she was then seventy-eight years of age, the date and place of her birth and names of her parents not given. She died July 25, 1850 in Hornellsville, New York.

The names of the following children of the soldier and his wife are of record: Henry Harding aged nineteen in 1822, was living in Hornellsville, New York, in 1852; Abraham Harding was living in said Hornellsville in 1853, his age not given; ah was the wife of John Morrison in 1822 and lived then with her two children, James, three years of age, and William, less than one year old, with her parents in Hornellsville. Her husband, John Morrison, had gone to Ohio at that time.

In 1839, one Elisha Harding, Sr., stated that he knew Oliver Harding (the soldier), and his wife at the time of their marriage. Elisha Harding Jr. was a Justice of the Peace for Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in 1839, no relationship of either Elisha Harding to the family shown.

In 1838, two sisters of Chloe, or Cloey, Harding were living in Canistota, Steuben County, New York; Rhoda Hadley, who had married James Hadley in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Stevens. One Uriah Stevens was living in said Canistota in 1839, this relationship to said Elizabeth not shown.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and fails to show a claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of an Abraham Harding, the father of the above noted soldier, Oliver Harding.