

Pension Application for David Morey

R.7372 (Widow: Abigail) David died August 19, 1832, age 87. Abigail died May 5, 1838, age 93. There is no deposition for David in the folder. At the time of David's death seven children survived him: Experience, Elisabeth, Chas', Joseph, David, Ebenezer & Nancy.

State of New York

County of Onondaga SS.

On this 23 day of August A.D. 1851 personally appeared before the Court of Onondaga County Jephtha F. Wheat a resident of the Town of Onondaga in the County of Onondaga who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That he was well acquainted with David Morey who was among his neighbors and among all who knew him considered and believed to be a soldier of the Revolution. That he knew him as early as the year 1778 and continued his acquaintance seeing him often until the day of his death occurred on the 19th day of [August] A.D. 1832 in the Town of LaFayette County of Onondaga and State of New York aged eighty seven years and that the disease of which he died was "Numb Palsey".

Morey repeated the names of his officers and the places where he went and deponent farther says that from hearing said Morey repeat the above he remembers him to have said that in said war he did service under Captain Schank, Lieutenant Langdon, Orderly Sergeant Peter Nostrant, and that he thinks the name of the Colonel was Brinkerhoff. That he stated himself to have been in the service at the following places viz.

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Wespin, Peekskill, King's bridge and Morristown. That he was in the Battle of White Plains August 26, AD 1776.

That he when he joined the service he lived in the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and state of New York. That at the time of doing the service and during the Revolutionary war he lived in the Town of Fishkill Dutchess and State of New York. Deponent does not recollect [recollect] what year he entered he service. That he acted in the ranks as a private and part of the time was a Baker. That he well remembers his saying concerning the battle of White Plains, "That he was in the entrenchments at the time the battle commenced, the captain ordered them all out for the enemy were about to fire. That he said he would not have them until the Captain did, and was the last one that quit it with him. That as soon as cut out a ball from the enemies' cannon struck near where they were standing. This deponent does not know how long he served, but remembers him to have said he was in the army at several different times. Remembers him to have said at onetime three months.

Deponent farther says he was well acquainted with Abigail Morey whom the said David claimed as his wife. That he knew her for over sixty years and to him with the said David for over fifty years in the relation of husband and wife. That he provided of her and she was universally known as the wife of David Morey. That he knew their children, and has known them for a period of over fifty years. That they

had to his knowledge seven children, two only of which number are now living, to deponents knowledge or belief. That four out of the seven are known to be dead, that the Fifth, Ebenezer Morey left his relatives) about 20 years ago and has not been heard from since, and that his place of residence if living is not known. That he does not know of any legal representatives as the heirs of the said David Morey's and Elisabeth. And Nancy whose affidavits are hereunto attached. That the said Abigail Morey died of the Numb Palsey, May 5th 1838, in the Town of LaFayette in said county and state. That at the time of her death she was reported to have been of the age of Ninety Three years. That he believes said David Morey was in the military service of the State of New York or the United States and as a soldier did military duty in the war of the Revolution. That he believes Abigail Morey to have been and was his true and lawful wife, land that form the ages of those whom they provided for, and who provided for them whom they called their sons and daughters that they were married several years before the war of the Revolution. That this deponent is of the age of 72 years and that he believes the said Nancy and Elisabeth afore mentioned to be of the ages of 70 years and 85 years respectively and the true legitimate heirs of David and Abigail Morey deceased. He farther says he never had access to any Muster Roll of the Revolutionary Services on which the name of David Morey was written but that 6 he makes the foregoing statement from the best of his memmory [memory] and a long and intimate acquaintance with said David Morey.

On one occasion he remembers said Morey to have said he was on guard along the river near to New York and the enemies sentinals were stationed on the opposite bank. Once being out of provisions they went to the farm of Col. Morris and obtained a supply. His farm was in sight of the enemies shipping form which they were fired upon. These circumstances are mentioned to throw light on the places of his services.
(Signed) Jeptha F. Wheat

Subscribed and sworn before me this the 23d day of August A.D. 1851. Israel Spinner, County Judge.