

Pension Application for Abraham Roberts, or Robertson

S.14331

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this seventh day of August personally appeared in open court, before the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy, in the County and State aforesaid now sitting Abraham Roberts, (sometimes known & called by the name of Abraham Robertson). Aged 78 years and has no record of his age, a resident of the town of Brunswyck in the county of Rensselaer aforesaid and why being rist 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War, he lived at the town of Brunswick, in the county of Rensselaer aforesaid; at the time of being drafted into the militia he resided in the same place and still resides there.

He was born in the City of Albany; but has no record of his birth and can not now remember the precise years.

He does not recollect the date of his being first drafted; but it was when the war first commenced, actively in this part of the country. He was several times out in actual service, on draftings, as a private; and afterwards received Lieutenant's Commission, thought he does not remember by whom signed, and the commission is lost. This commission he had for four years; and was many times drafted to serve as such Lieutenant; but cannot, at his age, give dates;:

Was once, between two and three weeks on such service at Schoharie, -- again, was three weeks or more at the flats on the Mohawk river; when General Burgoyne marched into this state, was, for six weeks, on service for Forts Ann and Edward down to Stillwater; and was then in frequent skirmishes.

The terms of actual service, thus enumerated, were when he as a Lieutenant, & served as such. He is sure that the terms of his actual service exceeded, in the aggregate, the term of six months; and believes that he served as much as eighteen months, in all.

The names of the non commissioned officers & privates can be seen by the PayRoll, hereunto annexed. And all the documentary evidence which he is able to produce is herewith sent.

That he is well known to Stephen Eldridge of the said City of Troy into Elijah Adams of Lansingburgh, to Jacob Schermerhorn of Brunswick; and that each and all of them could testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services in [the] Revolutionary War.

He herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed with the deponents mark the day & year aforesaid.
Archibald Bull Clerk.