

Pension Application for Abiel Sherman or Shearman

W.19354 (Widow: Mary) Married November 15, 1767, Presbyterian Church in the Town of Leisisboro, formerly South Salem. Rev'd Solomon Mead was the pastor.

State of New York

Rensalaer [sic]County SS.

On this eleventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty three personally appeared in open Court at Troy, Justices Court of the County of Rensalaer & State aforesaid the same being a court of record, Thomas Sherman a resident Nassau in said county and State. Aged fifty seven years who first – being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in behalf of the children of the late Mary Sherman widow of Abial Sherman both now deceased, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress & passed July 4th 1836. That he is a son [of] Abial Sherman & Mary his wife above named. That his said father the said Abiel Sherman was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and at the time of his death a pensioner which pension was stopped for a few years and that a year or two previous to his death he again became a pensioner of the United States & believes it was under the Act of 7th June 1832. That his said father the said Abiel Sherman died in the County of Rensalaer and state aforesaid on the thirty first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. That during the aforesaid was the said parents resided in Westchester County & State aforesaid. That he has always been informed and verily believes that his said parents were married in the aforesaid County of Westchester. That he has also been informed and verily believes that his said parents were married on the fifteenth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, that his said mother's name before marriage was Mary Bouton. He further declares that he said mother the said Mary Sherman did not marry after the death of her said husband the said Abial Sherman but remained a widow until her death and that she died on the second day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty. That at the time of the death of my mother the said Mary Sherman she left her surviving ten children viz: Thomas Sherman, Enoch Sherman, Phebe Palmer widow of Fennor Palmer, Anna Bouten wife of John Bouten of Nassau Rensalaer County NY, Stephen Sherman and Lewis Sherman of Bern, Albany County, NY, David Sherman of Troy, Rensaler County NY, Hannah Betts wife of Josiah Betts of Onondaga County NY, Mary Fancher wife of Seth Fancher of Hastings Oswego County NY, & Sally Hodges wife Nehemiah Hodges of Mansfield, Tioga County & State of Pennsylvania. That Enoch Sherman one of the within named children died on the ninth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty tow, and that the remaining nine within named are her only surviving children and that each of them are over twenty one years of age, and in support of which and the claims of said children, would refer to the proof herewith furnished and also that which may appear on file in the pension Department. (Signed) Thomas Sherman.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 11th day of September 1843. Hiram Taylor one of the Justices of the Justices Court.

Letter in file, dated April 13, 1937, responding to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Abiel Sherman, who served under Captain Delavan, in the New York militia from Westchester County and while serving at Fort Independence was wounded in his right hand, and who married Mary Bouten.

You are furnished herein the record of Abiel Sherman whose name appears in the claim, also, as Shearman, the data of which were obtained from pension claim, W. 19354, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Abiel Sherman was born March 7, 1744; the place of birth and names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of Westchester County, New York, Abiel Sherman enlisted, date not stated, served as a private in Captain Samuel Delavan's company of rangers and in Colonel Thaddeus Crane's

New York regiment, and while serving in line of duty near Fort Independence, was in an engagement there with the British troops, January 10, 1777, in which he received a severe wound in his right hand by a musket ball, length of service not stated.

On account of disability resulting from the above-noted injury, the soldier was pensioned from April 1, 1777, by the State of New York, while a resident of Salem, Westchester County, that state. He moved May 11, 1795, to Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York, and while residing there, was subsequently pensioned by the United States from August 5, 1831. He died July 31, 1834, in Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York.

Abiel Sherman married Mary Bouten, November 15, 1767, in South Salem, Westchester County, New York; the date and place of her birth and names of parents are not shown. She died November 2, 1840.

Abiel Sherman's widow, Mary, was survived by the following named children, whose ages were not stated:

Thomas Sherman

Enoch Sherman who died August 9, 1842.

Phebe Palmer, who in 1843 was the widow of Fennor Palmer

Anna Bouton, who in 1843 was the wife of John Bouten, or Nassau, NY

Stephen Sherman, who in 1843 was a resident of Berne, Albany Co., NY

Lewis Sherman, who in 1843 was a resident of Berne, Albany Co., NY.

David Sherman, who in 1843 was a resident of Troy, Rensselaer Co., NY.

Hannah Betts, who in 1843 was the wife of Josiah Betts of Onondaga, Co., NY.

Mary Fanch, who in 1843 was the wife of Josiah Betts, of Onondaga Co., NY.

Sally Hodges, who in 1843 was the wife of Nehemiah Hodges, of Mansfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania.

In 1831, one Thomas Sherman and Enoch Sherman were both residents of Nassau, New York, their relationship to soldier not stated.