

Pension Application for Abiel Sherman

S.48291

Continental (New York) Born Mar. 11, 1761, Died July 31, 1837. Left no widow.
Dutchess County, Artificer, company commanded by Captain Post, Col. Lamb's Regiment,
New York Line.

[Note in file: Mary Sherman was erroneously allowed pension on this man's service on Cef 4063, dated Aug. 21, 1844 at the Albany NY Agency, Act July 4, 1835. Abiel was pensioned under the act of June 7, 1832, No. 20096, issued Oct. 14, 1833 at the New York Agency.

Treasury Department

Washington, June 4, 1910.

The Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir: In reply to your letter of 1st Instant (Record Division), you are informed that, according to the latest account rendered by the U.S. Pension Agency, at New York, N.Y., the records of this office show payments to have been made in case of Abiel Sherman, Artificer, Revolutionary War, Certificate No. 20096, at \$144.00 per annum, to Hiram Sherman, for himself and other heirs, to July 31, 1837, date of the pensioner's death. He left no widow: the surviving children were Henry Sherman, Hiram Sherman, Drucilla, wife of Henry Howard, 2nd, Eliza wife of William Tabor all of Pawling Dutchess Co., N.Y., and Olive, wife of Stephen Peckham, of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N.Y.

The pensioner resided in Dutchess Co., for sixty-three years, and previously in New Bedford, Mass.

Letter herewith returned.

Respectfully,

H.C. Shober, Auditor, J. B. Belt, Deputy Auditor

Dutchess Com'n Pleas.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house in the town of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess on the fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Present, Edmund H. Pendleton, Joseph J. Jackson, Robert S. Livingston, Albra Akin. Judges.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this day appeared in open court before this court now sitting (the same being a court of record for said County) Abiel Sherman of the town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess and resident in said town aged seventy two years on the eleventh day of March last 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. On the first day of May in the year 1778, deponent enlisted at Patterson in Putnam County in the State of New York (then called Fredericksburgh) in the company commanded by Captain Anthony Post of Artillery artificer attached to Colonel Lamb's regiment of Artillery, for the term of two years, Garret Brower and John Johnson were the Lieutenants; that the deponent enlisted as a wheelwright, and joined the company at Patterson, and stayed & worked there the full term of two years, except about four months in 1779 the company was sent to West Point and were engaged in making gun carriages, and mounting cannon, that after finishing the work at West Point, the deponent with the company returned to Fredericksburgh and was then discharged in May 1780, after having served, the full term of two years. That deponent recollects seeing during his service Gen. Washington, & Alexander Hamilton his aid, saw Gen. Washington repeatedly at West Point, and in Fredericksburgh and Pawlings when the army was encamped around Fredericksburgh, that he has not any documentary evidence of his service, but produces as

proof of his service the affidavits of Daruis Sherman, Obadiah Howland, Benjamin Cowl and Jethro Sherman hereto annexed.

He 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. Deponent was born in the town of New Bedford in Massachusetts on 11th March 1761. There was formerly a record of his age in the family bible, but deponent does not now know where it is or what has become of it. His discharge was given by Captain Post, and deponent believes was signed by him. Deponent was moved with his father's family when nine years old, from New Bedford to the town of Pawlings in Dutchess County and has resided in said town ever since, except when in the service as aforesaid, and now resides there. (Signed) Abiel Sherman.

Sworn and subscribed in this county June 4, 1839. Henry G. France, Clerk

Letter dated June 8, 1940, written in response to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Abiel Sherman, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.49291, based upon the military service in that war of Abiel Sherman.

Abiel Sherman was born March 11, 1761, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The names of his parents are not shown. When about eight years old he moved with his father's family to Pawling, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of said Pawling, Abiel Sherman enlisted May 1, 1778, served as wheelwright in Captain Anthony Post's Company of Artificers, Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery and was discharged in May 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 4, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Pawling, New York.

He died July 31, 1837, place not stated, leaving no widow, but the following children: Henry Sherman, Hiram Sherman, Drucilla, the wife of Henry Howard 2nd, Eliza, the wife of William Tabor, all of Pawling, New York, and Olive, the wife of Stephen Peckham, living in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, their ages are not shown.

In 1833, Daruis Sherman, brother of soldier was living in Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York. He was born December 7, 1762. In June 1833, Jethro Sherman, aged seventy-three years, brother of soldier, was a resident of Pawling, New York.

In 1832, one Obadiah Howland, about seventy-seven years old, was living in Patterson, formerly called Fredericksburgh, Putnam County, New York, and had resided there nearly sixty years, no relationship to the family was stated.

The name of the soldier's wife was not stated, and there are no further family data.