

Pension Application for Abraham Snyder

W.17850 (Widow: Maria Blauvelt) Married May 177[3 or 5]

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this ninth day of October 1837, personally appeared before me, Abraham B. Stephens, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Tunis Tallman, a resident of the town of Clarkstown in said county aged 88 years, who being first—duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say: That he was well acquainted with Abraham Snyder now deceased, who had for his wife the present widow Maria Snyder whose maiden name was Maria Blauvelt, during the Revolutionary War and knows that the said Abraham Snyder did belong to and serve as a Drummer during the said war in ca company whereof Avery Smith was Capt. in Col'n A. Hawks Hays Regiment. That early in the month of July in the year 1776, it was at the time of cutting rye, harvest, the British having sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bays when the whole of the company was ordered out to guard along the said river at Nyack and the Nerdretia Hook and served for one month without intermission after which time it was agreed to divide the said company in two parties, each to serve a week in rotation, and served until late in the fall or beginning of the winter and until after the British had again sailed to New York, but the said Abraham Snyder being the only drummer in the said company served during the whole time, except he got permission at times to go home for a day or two at a time, but is confident that the said Abraham served not less than three months, on actual duty.

That early in the spring or late in the winter in the year 1777, the men in the said company being classed did serve in weekly tours, but the said Abraham Snyder being the only Drummer in said company had to serve throughout the season that guards was kept up along the said river and other places except the time he received permission to stay at home to attend to his domestick concerns, and now to set forth, after the laps [lapse] of some many year, the precise time he was out on actual duty, he is unable to say, and believes he would not exceed the amount by saying that it was three months, in each and every year, but can confidently say that the said Abraham Snyder was actually out on duty not less than two months in each of the years 1777, 1779, 1780, and 1781, and not less than one month in the year 1782, and he verily believes that he also served not less than two months in the year 1778, but in the last mentioned year, this deponent served as first Lieutenant in Capt John Bell's Company in Col'n Graham's Regiment from the first of April until the close of the year, and has very little person[a] knowledge of the services of the said Abraham Snyder during said year of 1778.

That Cap't Smith['s] company generally guarded from early in the spring until winter, during the years said ships lay in said bays, along the river at Nyack and Nerobretia Hook, as aforesaid, but at times they was stationed at the long clove at Haverstraw, at Clarkstown, at Tappantown and at Saugerties, especially until the taking of Lord Cornwallis and at times went into the State of New Jersey.

And this deponent doth further say that from the commencement of the war until the spring of 1778, he was Ensign in the said company, after which time he was first Lieutenant and until the year 1780, he served near if not full one half of the time the guards was out, and in the year 1780 Capt. Smith moved his family for safety to Ramapo, and was nearly all the time with them, when the command of the company was in his charge, and he had to serve nearly all the time.

That Abraham Snyder was married to Maria Blauvelt previous to the year 1776, as he then understood, as they resided in the same neighbourhood and have lived together as such until the decrease of the said Abraham since which time the said Maria has remained a widow. (Signed with his mark) Tunis Tallman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Abm. B. Stephens, Judge.