

Pension Application for Abraham Tallman or Talman

W.15852 (Widow: Rachel)

Abraham Tallman was born August 9th 1756

Rachel Cornelison was born April 3rd 1762

Abraham & Rachel joyone in Matrimonyal State Aril 26th 1780

Hermanes Tallman was born March 19th 1782

Catharine Tallman was born November 17, 1784

Abraham Tallman was born November 4th 1786

John Tallman was born January 27th 1792

Jacob Talman born October [?] 1803

Abraham Talman died December 1st 1821, aged 65 years 3 months 21 days.

Jacob Talman died December 21st 1830 aged 27 years 1 month 22 days.

Abraham died, or was found dead on the public Highway, the wheel of a wagon loaded with wood, on his body.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this tenth day of October 1836, personally appeared before me Cornelius J. Blauvelt, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County aforesaid, Tunis Tallman, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in the county and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, depose and say.

That he was well acquainted with Abraham Tallman, late the husband of Rachel Tallman, whose maiden name was Rachel Cornelison, the present claimant for a pension under the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836, during the whole of the Revolutionary War and ever since, until the time of his death, that he resided in the same neighborhood.

And that he very well remembers that about the middle of July 1776, the British Ships of war, two or three in number, and a few days previous sailed up the Hudson River, and anchored in Tappan Bay when Capt. Aury Smith by orders of Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, to which Regiment the said Capt belonged, ordered out all the men belonging in his company, to guard along the said river, to prevent the enemy in landing, when the said Abraham Tallman, being one of the said company, did attend agreeable to said orders and was stationed as a guard at different places from the Hook to the slote, and served one month, when the domestick concerns at home became so pressing there being none home but boys and aged people to attend to them. It was agreed between the officers and men that one half of the men should go home to attend to the farming concerns, and the other half to stay and guard for one week when the others should return and relieve them, and so change every weeks o that each part should serve one half of the time in weekly tours, in which manner the said – Abraham Tallman did serve from the middle of August until the first of December when the said ships sailed to New York, and served not less than one

month and a half guarding along the said river as aforesaid and sometimes as far up as Haverstraw.

That In the last of the winter or early in the spring of the year 1777, Col'n Hay issued orders that the men in the different companies [companies] composing his regiment should be put into classes of four men in each, that a guard consisting of the fourth part of his regiment should be kept on duty to guard along the Hudson river and at other important places when the men composing Capt. Avery Smith's company was so classed, and the said Abraham Tallman was also classed with others, and the British Ships of War having again sailed up the said river and anchored in said Bays, and the men composing Capt. Smith's company was called out to perform their duty agreeable to their classification when the said Abraham Tallman did also serve, and guarded not less than one week in each and every four weeks, from early in the spring of the year 1777 until winter stationed at diferent [different] places along the shore at Nyack, and Haverstraw at the long and short clove, at Clarkstown, and at Tappan town and served not less than two month[s] in weekly tours, he the said deponent being the Ensign in Capt. Smith's company during the two years aforesaid.

That early in the spring of the year 1778, the said deponent received a Commission signed by Governor Clinton appointed him first Lieutenant in Capt. Smith's Company and orders was issued that a company should be raised for nine month[s] and that each of the company's in Col'n Hays Regiment should furnish their quota of men to fill up the said company of which company was filled up about the first of April in said year and amongst other men composing the said company, the said Abraham Tallman, Peter Tallman, and Daniel Myer having to furnish one man, they agreed to serve the time without hiring a man, that is each agreed to serve three months of the time, that the said company first was stationed for some time along the shore at Nyack then crossed the river and marched to White Plains where they lay for some time, then recrossed the Hudson river and marched to the Old Bridge near Hackensack and lay there until the latter part of September when Lord Cornwallis marched up with a part of the British Army, when some skirmishing took place beteen [between] the said army and the American troops there stationed when Capt. Bell with his company retreated and marched to Paramus where we remained some time then marched to Tappan and lay there encamped until the first of January 1779 when the time of enlistment being expired the company was discharged which of the three persons first entered the said service he does not now recollect, but does very well recollect that when the said company crossed the Hudson river and marched to White Plains, the said Abraham Tallman was with them and served with them until he had served full three months, when he was relieved by one of the other two.

Wether [Whether] the said Abraham Tallman performed any duty that year in Capt Smith's Company he is unable to say, being absent from the same.

That in the spring of the year 1779 he again having taken command in Capt. Smith's company and the British ships of War having again resumed their former stations in said Bays, the said company were called out to perform their guard duty in weekly tours, when the said Abraham Tallman performed his part of guard duty, land

served one week in each and every four weeks, and served sometimes at one and sometimes at another of the above named stations as the guard from time to time received orders, and where their services was most needed, and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1780 the ships of war aforesaid returning the said Abraham Tallman again performed his tours of guard duty as aforesaid at stations aforesaid from early in the spring until winter and served not less than two months in weekly—tours as aforesaid.

In the same year the British finding our guards weak at the Hook when a large body of them landed there; drove off the guard there stationed and burnt Mr. Smith's house and bar, and would have done considerable other damage but was prevented by the arrival [arrival] of the guards stationed at other places along the shores at Nyack which drove them off, and Capt. Smith removed his family to Ramapo,--and was the most of his time absent and nearly all the command of his company fell [fell] to the lot of his deponent to perform from that time to the close of the war.

That early in the Spring of the year 1781, the guards was called out and the said Abraham Tallman served, duty and stations as aforesaid, until winter and served not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the spring of the year 1782, the guards was again called out to perform their tours of duty as aforesaid guarding mostly along the river at Nyack and the Hook (which is at the upper end of Nyack) until in the month of September when the British sailed to New York land the said Abraham Tallman served not less than one month in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That he the said deponent was present at the wedding, but not at the marriage, when the said Abraham Tallman and the said Rachel was married and from his own knowledge [knowledge] and the family records kept by the said Abraham and annexed to the declaration of the said Rachel believes it to have taken place on the 26th day of April 1780 and knows that the said Abraham did considerable guard duty after he was married; and that the said Rachel was never afterwards married.

That the said Abraham Tallman served as a private in the duties he performed in Capt Smith's company and also under Capt. Bell, and was found dead to the best of his memory on the 1st of December 1821 on the public Highway as it is stated by the widow.

And this deponent further says that he has been informed that the War department has got in possession of a pay role [roll] of Capt Smith's company whereby they have concluded that the amount of their services have been paid and from said role Judge how much they were.

He doth most solemnly [solemnly] declare, that if such a role is in existence he never during his life see or heard thereof, and never to his knowledge did he or any one that did serve in said company receive any money for any services rendered therein, but was always informed that government had not the funds to pay but would pay as soon as funds could be got and believes in every case that more services has been performed by the surviving soldiers of the Revolution than has by any of them

been set forth under competent [competent] authority. (Signed with his mark) Tunis Tallman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written before me. Corn'1 J. Blauvelt Judge.