

Pension Application for Abraham Truax

R.10718 (Widow: Elizabeth)

In the matter of the application of Elisabeth Truax, widow of Abraham Truax, late an Ensign in the War of the Revolution for a pension under the Act of 4 July 1836.

J.L. Edwards Esq. Commissioner of Pensions,

Sir:

I have which your sessions to allowing a pension in the above matters as stated in your letter of the 18th Ultlo; and now endeavor by additional explanations and affidavits to give the satisfaction you required.

As to a the deposition of the widow that her husband served for four months in 1777 she does not, or did not intend such services to apply to the Campaign against Burgoyne (or at Saratoga) alone. It was impossible for her to specify each tour in the year 1777 but she [refurnished?] to me previous to my preparing her supplemental deposition, that her husband was out on duty in the spring, summer and fall of that year, at least for the time of four months in the whole. I however left the tour in blank to be filled at the time of her taking the oath. She appears in a reexamination or reconsideration of the matter to have served to four months, as she at first told me she could do and her affidavit is confirmed by others.

Me Christopher Ward testifies to his (her husband's) serving in the campaigns to Jessups Patent in the spring of the year 1777. I asked her if she could call to mind this expedition as distinct from any of his other tours during said year. She [?] that she could not. She said that she could only remember during said years her husband was away from home on duty at least four; months as near as she could recollect. There were many of the similar who served in the campaign of 1777 in the months of July August September and October for a term in the whole of three months. It is behind Mr. Truax did the same and in addition thinks was in the Jessup's Patent expedition under Colonel Warner for one month ;making in all four months as the widow testifies.

I am very respectfully your Obt Servt. [Schenectada?] Sept 9, 1837. G. F. Yates