

### **Pension Application for Abraham Van Tassel**

W.16770 (Widow: Elizabeth) Abraham died October 1826. There doesn't seem to be a deposition by Abraham in the file.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County (being a court of record), Elizabeth Van Taassel a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of Westchester aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Abraham Van Tassel who was a private in the war of the revolution. That according to her recollection and belief and information the said Abraham Van Tassel served as follows. That he entered the service of the United States some time in the month of August 1776 in the company of militia of the County of Westchester commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond for the term of five or six months she cannot tell which and served out said term for five or six months at Tarrytown fort independence [Fort Independence] and White Plains in said County and was honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that the said Abraham Tan Tassel again entered said service as she thinks some time in the month of January 1777 and served five months in the said County of Westchester in a company of militia commanded by Captain Sybert Acker in the Regiment commanded by said Lieut Col. James Hammond and was there honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that the said Abraham Van Tassel again entered said service in or about the month of November 1777 in the company of militia of said County commanded by Captain Sybert Acker aforesaid in the said Regiment and continued in said service four months and was then honorably discharged from said service.

And the declarant further saith that the said Abraham Van Tassel again entered said service in the month of May 1779 or thereabouts, in the Company of Militia of said County commanded by Captain Jesse Baker in the regiment commanded by the said Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond and continued in the said service one year ending some time in the month of May 1780 and was then honorably discharged from said service.

And the declarant further saith that the said Abraham Van Tassel served as a private during the said terms of service above set forth, and served in the said County of Westchester at the different military posts established therein for the defence of said County and the protection of the inhabitants thereof and was in actual service as

the declarant then thought and has always been informed by her said husband and others.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Van Tassel in the month of February in the year seventeen hundred and six; that her husband the aforesaid Abraham VanTassel died in the month of October 1826 at Mount Pleasant – and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Van Tassel

Sworn to and subscribed on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1837 before me. Aaron Varts, One of the Judges of said County.