

Pension Application for Abraham Westfall or Vastfall

W.4386 (Widow: Dinah or Diana) They married in the spring of 1781. Abraham died September 5, 1828.

Abraham Westfall a Revolutionary Soldier

State of Ohio

Columbiana County

On this seventh day of June 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Columbiana in the State of Ohio aforesaid, Abraham Westfall aged sixty nine years, a resident of the aforesaid County of Columbiana, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of congress, of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said - - - enlisted for the Term of one year, on the first day of June in the year 1777 in the state of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Jas. Rontrance in the regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Duboise in the line of the State of New York on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until October 1778, when he was discharged from the said service, in New Windsor, in the State of New York.

That in April 1779 he was appointed a Lieutenant in a company commanded by Capt John Woods in the regiment commanded by Colonel Albert Paulding that on the first day of May 1780 he was appointed Captain of a company commanded in a Regiment of New York commanded by the said Paulding.

That he was in the battles of Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] and that he has no other evidence, now in his power of his said service.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818.

And that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "Am Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". Passed on the 18th day of ;march 1818, and that I have not nor has any person for me in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed biz "One Cow, eight dollars, one feather Bed & Bedding \$8. 1 set cups & saucers & plates \$1, 5 chairs \$1, five [?] \$1.50—one tea kettle \$1, amounting in the whole to \$55.50. (Signed) Abraham Westfall.

Sworn to and declared on the seventh day of June before Horace Potter Clerk.

Letter in folder dated March 27, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The data continued herein were obtained from piers on file in the pension claim, W.4386, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Abraham Westfall.

He was born at Minisink which was later Deer Park Township, New York. The exact date of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While living in Orange County, New York, he enlisted June 1, 1777, and served until sometime in October, 1778, in Captain James Rosekrance's company in Colonel Lewis [Dubois'] New York regiment and was in the battle of Fort Montgomery where he was wounded in the arm. In April he was appointed lieutenant in Captain John Woods' company in Colonel Albert Pawling's New York regiment and on May 1, 1780, he was appointed captain of a company in Colonel Albert Pawling's New York regiment and served until sometime in 1782.

He moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania, about 1797, and from there he moved to Columbiana County, Ohio.

Abraham Westfall married February 8, 1781, at Minisink, New York, Blandina, Blondina, Dinah or Diana Van Etten who was born August 1, 1763 at Minisink.

As the widow of Abraham Westfall, said Blandina was allowed pension on her application executed October 22, 1838, at which time she was living in Carroll County, Ohio.

They had the following children:

Joseph born June 14, 1782

Hannah born February 25, 1784, married ___Morledge

Anne born February 9, 1786, married ___Marshall

Eunice born March 12, 1788

Levi born December 7, 1790

Naomi born February 2, 1793

Simon born March 4, 1795

Cathern born January 30, 1798

John born June 22, 1800

Thomas born September 28, 1802

Abraham born April 13, 1804

James born January 31, 1811

In November 1829, Levi Westfall was administrator and Dinah Westfall was administratrix of the estate of Abraham Westfall but it was not shown whether Levi was the soldier's son or not.

The widow's brother, Levi Van Etten, as born July 12, 1757, in Minisink, and was living in Deer Park, New York, in 1840 and stated that he served in the Revolution under Abraham Westfall, Levi Van Etten had a son, Thomas, who, it was stated, was thought to be a member of the New York State legislature and another son, Levi. The widow's brother, Henry van Etten, was born in Minisink May 1, 1761, and he testified in 1840 in Niles Township, Cayuga County, New York, in behalf of the widow. Mary Van Auken or Aukin was born September 20, 1765, in Minisink and in 1840 she was living in Deer Park and stated that the widow was her second eldest sister. In 1840 one Margaret Van Fleet, aged ninety years, was living in Deer Park and stated that during the Revolution the Indians burned her home and that she and her husband fled to a fort on the farm of Anthony Van Etten (relationship not shown) within one half mile of her present residence.