

Pension Application for Abner Wilcox

W.22618 (Widow: Lucy) Abner died 1823.

I Abner Wilcox of Vergennes in the County of Addison and State of Vermont – do on oath declare and says, that I served the United States as a soldier in the War of Revolution, on the Continental establishment against the common enemy for the term of six years and eight months that is to say, I enlisted in the service of the United States as a soldier in the War of Revolution, on the Continental establishment against the common enemy; for the term of six years and eight months. That is to say, I enlisted in the service of the United States Crown Point in the month of April AD 1776 in the Regiment of Colo VanScaick [Van Schaick] for the term of nine months—which term of service I faithfully performed with the continental troops at Lake George—and at the expiration of this period of service, I again enlisted into the service of the United States in the month of August AD 1777 in Capt Crafts Company, in Colo Elisha Sheldon, Regiment of light dragoons—for the period of during the war—and faithfully served my time out, and received an honourable discharge at Danberry [Danbury] in the State of Connecticut in the year AD 1783 and according to my best recollection in the month of July of that year—my discharge was signed by Genl Washington—and received an honourable badge her faithful service.

And I further say that I am old and infirm as to health and very much reduced in my circumstances and have need of assistance from my country for support.
(Signed) Abner Wilcox

March 30th 1818

Sworn and subscribed at Middlebury in the County of Addison and State of Vermont this 30th day of March 1818 before me, Jacob Doolittle Judge Supreme Court, state of Vermont.

Letter in folder dated March 7, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

In re: Abner Wilcox—War of the Revolution, W.22618.

You are herewith furnished the history of the only Abner Wilcox, found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

From the papers in the above noted pension claim, it appears that Abner Wilcox was born at Killingworth, Connecticut, and enlisted April 1775 at Crown Point, and served nine months in Colonel Van Schaik's Regiment. In August, 1777, he again enlisted and served as a Private and Corporal in Companies commanded by Captains Craft and Hoagland in Colonel Elisha Sheldon's Regiment of Light Dragoons until discharged July 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 30, 1813, while living in Vergennes, Addison County, Vermont, aged sixty one years. He died at Waltham, Vermont, aged sixty one years. He died at Waltham, Vermont, February 5, 1823.

Soldier married at Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut, July 22, 1782, Lucy Ayrault, she was allowed pension on her application executed September 26, 1837, while a resident of Wethersfield, Conn., aged seventy seven years old.

It is stated there were seven children. In 1820, Samuel was 10 years old; Julian was 7 years old; Marian wa 4 years old; only names given. There is no further family data on file.