

Pension Application for Abraham Wright

S.24025

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Tioga SS

On this first day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting at the Court House in Owego, in said County of Tioga, Abraham Wright, a resident of the town of Candor, in the County of Tioga and State of New York, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on the first of September in the year 1776 he volunteered as a Militia man under the command of Capt. Hights, was then marched through the county of Westchester in the State of New York, disarming the disaffected, and guarding some who had been taken prisoners to Simsbury Mines in the State of Connecticut, and was out on this tour until the first day of December of that year, making his term of service in this campaign to be two months.

That on the 1st day of March 1777 he volunteered in a Company of Cavalry, and was marched to Head Quarters at Crumpond, was then marched to Peekskill in the said County of Westchester, and was there at the time the Military stores, at that place were burnt, was then again marched to Crumpond, after that time he was continually on the alert in the service of his country until the 20th of September, making his time of service in this Campaign, six months and twenty days, during which time he was under the command of Col Drake and Major Strong & Capt Delavan.

That about the 1st of May 1778 he again volunteered in a Company of Cavalry, commanded by Capt Samuel Delavan and continued therein until about the 10th of September of that year and served four months in this campaign, in the meantime he had a skirmish with the British near Young's House on Philip's Manor then so called, was in the County of Westchester the whole time.

That in the year 1779 on the 1st day of April he again volunteered in a Company of Cavalry, commanded by Capt Samuel Delavan & Lieut Wallace, and had their quarters at Crumpond and was there at the time the British Light Horse burnt that place, he continued in this company until the 1st day of October of that year, making his actual time of service in this campaign six months.

That in the year 1780 the 1st day of July he again volunteered in a company of Cavalry, commanded by Capt Samuel Delavan and continued under him until the 1st December of that year and served in this campaign five months, he was in the county of Westchester the whole time was at Wardd's hour near Croton River at the time Major Andree was brought there, and put under the care of Col Jameson was one of

the guard, and was also one of the guard [guard] to Gov. George Clinton on the Hudson River as far as to Fishkill in Dutchess county.

That in the year 1781 on the 1st September of that year, he again volunteered in a company of Cavalry commanded by Capt Samuel Delavan, and had their head quarters at Crum pond, was ordered to move from that place to Morrissena, and there had a smart skirmish with the British, the Light House we burnt, and was pursued nine miles by them, he remained in this campaign until the 1st day of December of that year, making his actual time of service four months.

That in the year 1782 in the month of September, he again volunteered in a company of Cavalry under the command of Capt Samuel Delavan, and soon after had a smart skirmish with the British between Bedford & White Plains, and at another time in Nov. of that year, near the mouth of Croton River, was frequently place on guard and other services, was out in this campaign three months, and over.

That he never Had any written discharge in any of the above named services. A part of the time as named above, he was under Genl Putman, and other times, under Gen. McDougal.

That his actual service in his country's cause, which he can distinctly recollect is two years, six months, & twenty days, beside other various services on the alarm list, which is impossible for him to state precisely.

That he was born in the town of Somers in the county of Westchester & State of New York on the 17th day of March 1757 and has resided in the same place, until the last four years; he has since resided in the town of Candor County of Tioga & State of New York, he has a record of his age in his family Bible.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He would refer you to the affidavits of Elias Clapp & Michael Hinard, hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes very claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Abraham Wright.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill, Clk

Letter in folder dated January 20, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.240025, it appears that Abraham Wright was born March 17, 1757 in Somers, Westchester County, New York.

While residing in Somers, New York, he volunteered September 1, 1776, served as a private in Captain Height's Company, Colonel Drake's New York Regiment, and was discharged December 1, 1776.

He volunteered and served as follows as a private in Captain Samuel Delavan's Company of Cavalry, in Colonel Drake's New York Regiment; from March 1, 1777 to September 20, 1777; from May 1, 1778 until September 10, 1778 and was in a skirmish at Phillipse Manor; from April 1, 1779 until October 1, 1779; from July 1, 1780 until December 1, 1780; from September 1, 1781 until December 1, 1781; he

stated that he was in the battle of Morrisania; from September 1782 three months was in a skirmish; he stated that he was in "other various serves on the alarm list."

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 1, 1833 while a resident of Candor, Tioga County, New York, New York, to which place he had moved from Somers, New York, four years before.

There are no data concerning his family.