

Pension Application for Michael Arbour

S.36895

Original Claim

State of Maine

County of Somerset

On this twenty sixth day of June Anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas, now holden at Norridgewock within the county of Somerset in the State of Maine, (being a Court of Record for said county proceeding according to the course of common law, having original jurisdiction, unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Michael Arbour now resident in the County of Somerset, aged sixty eight years, who being first sworn according to law, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, doth on his oath declare, "that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Viz.

First in the company commanded by Captain Robinson and Regiment commanded by Col. James Livingston in the year service, then in the company commanded by Captain Selden and in the Congress Regiment commanded by Colo afterwards Brigadier General Hazen, upon the Continental establishment during the war; and actually served more than seven years.

Being a native of Lower Canada he first enlisted in the fall of 1775 at Point Levi opposite Quebec as a private soldier; that he remained in Canada with the American troops till the next summer and retreated with them to Albany where he in December 1776 enlisted for during the war, and served as a Corporal and that he remained in the above Corps in the Army till June 30, 1783 when he was honorably discharged at Tappan; that his original discharge signed by the Commander in Chief is hereunto annexed; that he has no other evidence of his said service except his honorable discharge which he has preserved with great care ever since he left the service; that he was in both battles at the taking of Burgoyne; at the battle at Whiteplains, Horseneck, Brandywine and at Yorktown; was wounded in the left leg by a buckshot, at the taking of Burgoyne, which was extracted by Doctor Schuyler at Stillwater; that he needs the assistance of his Country for his support being infirm, decriped [decrepit] & exceedingly poor.

And now in pursuance of the Act of 1st of May 1820, I the said Michael Arbour do further swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the said eighteenth day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by fits sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of Congress aforesaid, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income whatever. (Signed with his mark) Michael Arbour

Witness Daniel Williams.

The following is a schedule of my whole estate & income. Viz. I have no house or land and no property whatever except a poor coarse suit of cloths; having lost my wife I have no family except my two little boys Michael aged thirteen and Lyman aged eight years. I am by occupation a labourer but from old age can do but little. (Signed with his mark) Michael Arbour

Witness Daniel Williams.

Somerset SS Com Pleas, June 26, 1822. Subscribed & declared both the Schedule and declaration in open court before David Perham, Judge of CC Pleas.



HEAD-QUARTERS, June 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the Bearer as a Discharge, until the Ratification of the definitive Treaty of Peace; previous to which Time, and until Proclamations thereof shall be made, He is to be considered as being on Parol.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

*Arthur Mitchell
Continental Congress
1783*

