

Pension Application for Abraham Dorn

W.24077

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared before Hezakah Read, Esq, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Chenango aforesaid, at Pitcher—in said County, Abraham Dorn a resident of the town of Lincklaen in said County, aged 76 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 7th 1832.

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

That he was born at Kinderhook in the State of New York, in the year, 1756, that he has no record of his birth, but thinks it is recorded thee; that he is unable personally to attend the sitting of the court to make this declaration by reason of bodily infirmity.

That he voluntarily enlisted, at Kinderhook, where he then resided in April 1776, in Capt. Marble or Marvil's Company Lieut [Harfor] Ensign Philip Riley, Sergeant Rhoderick Beebe. On enlisting he, with the company of perhaps 20 men, sailed down the river Hudson to the highlands and stayed there until the news came that the enemy had got into New York. Several companies were thereupon sent down the river in two sloops; he went with his company out as far to Kingsbridge was here and in this vicinity connected with the movement of Gen. Washington's Army and all acted in [?] On the enemy's coming to horse neck or frogs point, went to White Plains.

He thinks his Capt. did not join his company till he got to Kingsbridge . In this vicinity he was engaged in several Skirmishes Capt. Marvil was wounded at Morrisania in the nose—While at White Plains, the battle of that place was fought but he was not engaged in it, because the troops in which he was lay back on the hill & were not called on to the action. He forgets what Col. or Regiment he was in.

After most of the troops had left the vicinity of White Plains, he with others stayed behind to guard the baggage—the troops went up the river to Sterlington, that is, many of them. In October or November he went up also with others to that place and stayed there a while. At which place he was discharged after six month service.

That he again enlisted, at said Kinderhook, in the spring of the year 1777 he cannot tell the month, he entered Lieut John Thornton he thinks at Lake George, that he joined them there, William Moore, was another Lieut in said company. Soon after joining his company that is a number of men, went to Albany and joined other troops. Went from thence by way of Saratoga to Fort Edward, and joined Gen. Schuyler & army – he thinks he belonged to Col. Abraham VanAlstine's Regiment – tho he does not recollect seeing him with it.

He believes the Col. was not with the Regiment.

He was engaged while there in guarding the baggage to Fort Edward & to Saratoga. And was often a guard between fort Edward & Lake George. While there, served under Capt. Thomas Wasson, some of the time. Once while he was at Lake George on rear guard, recollect that some Indians & Tories took some baggage, and the teamsters, prisoners at Bloody pond, between Fort Edward and Lake George.

While on this tour the service was termed Schuyler's retreat. In August his time of which he enlisted being three months, having expired he was dismissed and went home, other recruits took our place. He was dismissed at Saratoga, Rec'd no written discharge.

After this he removed to Princeton, about 15 miles west of Albany, and that he again volunteered and went from this place under Lieut. Thornton and William Moore, aforesaid and went to Canajoharie to guard the inhabitants from the Indians while they got in their crops. That he was about on this service six weeks, he thinks Capt. Wasson was also with them, he cannot tell the year.

He thinks he it was not more than one or two summers after he was At Lake George.

He was also afterwards with the same officer a volunteer & went to Johnstown when the Indians & Tories came & attacked [?] They got three near the close of the battle—how long he was gone he does not recollect – perhaps not more than a week or ten days.

He never received any written discharge as he remembers—it was by dismissal he believes.

That he has no documentary proof of services nor does he know of any person that he can procure to testify to his services—who was personally knowing to them.

That he is known to Joseph Rulford and Asel Halbert, in his present neighborhood who can testify in regard to his services as a soldier in the revolution.

That after the revolutionary war he lived for twenty years at Princeton, near Schenectady and lived there and from thence removed to Lincklaen, his present residence where he has ever since resided – He has resided in said Lincklaen twenty eighty years or more, thinks twenty nine years.

Her hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declared that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Abraham Dorn

Hez. Read Judge Chenango Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated January 14, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Abraham Dorn, a Revolutionary War soldier, and one of the early settler of Pitcher, Chenango County, New York.

The record of Abraham Dorn given below is obtained from the paper son file in Revolutionary War pension claim W.24077, based upon his service in that war.

Abraham Dorn was born in the war 1756, in Kinderhook, New York.

While a resident of Kinderhook, New York, he enlisted in April, 1776, and served six months as private in Captain Marble's or Marvil's, New York Company, during which time he was in several skirmishes near Kings Bridge and with the troops during the battle of White Plains, although not called into action. He enlisted in 1777, served as private in Lieutenant John Thornton's Company, Colonel Abraham Van Alstyne's New York Regiment and in Captain Thomas Wasson's New York Company and was discharged in August, having served three months. After this, the soldier moved to Princeton, New York. He volunteered and served six weeks, under Lieutenants John Thornton and William Moore at Canajoharie; he also served about ten day under those same officers at the time of the battle of Johnstown.

After the war, the soldier lived in Princeton, New York, about twenty years, then moved to Lincklaen, Chenango County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 24, 1832, at which time he resided in Lincklaen, Chenango County, New York; he had resided there about twenty-nine years.

Abraham Dorn died April 27, 1838 in Lincklaen, or in Pitcher, Chenango County, New York.

Abraham Dorn married September 15, 1790, Polly Sullivan, who also resided in Princeton, New York at that time. The marriage took place in Schenectady, New York.

Polly Dorn, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed November 2, 1838, at which time she was sixty-three years of age. She resided then in Lincklaen, Chenango County, New York in 1840 and in March 1855, her residence was Pitcher, in said Chenango County.

Reference was made to a daughter of Abraham and Polly Dorn who married Peter Dorn, but her name is not stated; said Peter Dorn was born in March 1791, was the child of a close relative of the soldier, and was deceased in 1840, the degree of relationship not stated.

In 1851, Martin Doran stated that he was one of the heirs of Abraham and "Mary" Doran, pensioner of Chenango County, New York. The name of one Chas. Doran appears in 1843 as in Pitcher, New York. In 1855, Jacob M. Doran and Betsey Doran were residents of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. The relationship of the above named persons with surname Doran to the soldier is not shown.

In 1838, Catharine, sister of Polly (Sullivan) Dorn, and wife of John Strail was living in Tully, Onondaga County, New York; said Catharine was born in 1771 and was present at the marriage of her sister, Polly, to Abraham Dorn. In 1840, said Catharine Strail lived in DeRuyter, Madison County, New York.

At the time Abraham Dorn made application for pension, Joseph Pulford and Asel Halbert made affidavits in Pitcher, Chenango County, New York, in his behalf; they were both residents of Lincklaen, New York. One Barak Niles of Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York, wrote Abraham Dorn's application for pension.