

Pension Application for John How or Howe

W.16284 (Widow: Phebe) Phebe was born February 26, 1751. Married March 3, 1773. John died August 17, 1832.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the court House in Plattsburgh, in and for the County of Clinton, land State of New York, on the third day of October 1820. Present: Eletha Arnold, Caleb Nichols, Mathew Carver and Allen R. Moore, Judges of the said Court.

County of Clinton SS.

On this third day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, it being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of common law, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, and keeping a record of their proceedings in and for the County of Clinton, John How, aged seventy years resident in the town of Peru in the said County of Clinton, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

That in 1775 he enlisted in Col. Livingston Regiment of Militia and served in the same Regiment five months [?] that 12 of May 1776 he again enlisted & served in the same Regt eight months on the first of January 1777 he again enlisted in Captain Titus Company in Col. Livingston's Regiment in the New York State Line for during the war and at the consolidation of the New York Regiments he was drafted into Captain Walker's Company in Col. VanCourtland's Regiment of the New York line and continued to serve to the end of the war and was honorably discharged in July 1783 at Newburgh that he was in the battles of Stilwater [Stillwater] and Saratoga where he was wounded.

That his original declaration to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 was made the fourth day of April 1818 that he has received a pension certificate Numbered 907 and dated the ninth day of June 1818.

And 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 was to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, 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 18th day of March 1818 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, other than what is contained in the schedule, hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Real Estate Non.

Personal Property excepting necessary bedding and coathing [clothing] one cow
ten sheep and two [?] \$31.50
five chairs one Pine Table and 2 old chests 3.75.
Set cups and saucers and five knives and forks and tea kettle 1.25
Pot bake kettle and frying pan. 1.75
\$38.25

I am by occupation a farmer but from age and being considerable blind and also lame I am unable to labor my family consists of my wife Hannah How aged fifty six years a tolerably healthy woman but was delirious twelve years but is onto able to do some work my children John How aged nineteen years but weakly and unable to do much my daughter Hannah aged sixteen Healthy and my son Emery aged fifteen healthy. (Signed) John How.

Sworn to and subscribed on the third day of October 1820 before the above named Judges in open court. Charles Platt Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated April 20, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of John Howe who served from Dutchess County, New York, Albert H. Simmons also of New York State.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service of any Albert or George Simmons, under any spelling of that surname. The record of John Howe who served from Dutchess County, New York is furnished herein as found in pension claim, W. 16284.

John How Jr., resided in Great Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, at the time of the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted in May 1776, served as private in Captain Chile's company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's New York regiment until January 1777, reenlisted, served in Captain Jonathan Titus' company in that same regiment, was at Stillwater and in the battle of Saratoga, in which engagement he was wounded in his left leg, served also in Captain Walker's company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's 2nd New York regiment and continued until June or July 1783, when he was discharged at New Windsor, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 4, 1818, at which time he resided in Peru, Clinton County, New York.

John How, Jr. married March 23, 1773, in Great Nine Partners (Washington), New York, Phebe, the daughter of Joseph Reynolds; she was born February 26, 1751, in Great Nine Partners, New York; the name of her mother is not shown. While her husband was away in service, she lived there with her father. The soldier lived with his wife, Phebe, until 1788 or 1789, when he abandoned her and lived with Hannah Hammond, a spinster. Said Phebe went to Rutland Vermont, and lived later in Clinton County, New York. Phebe How never had any children.

In 1820, the soldier referred to Hannah as his wife and to their children, John aged nineteen years, Hannah, aged sixteen years, and Emery, aged fifteen years. He gave his age then as seventy years but did not state the date and place of his birth. He died August 17, 1832, in Lawrence, New York. He signed his name How, and Howe, also.

Phebe How applied June 5, 1837, for the pension which was due on account of the service of her husband, John How, in the Revolutionary War; at that time she

resided in Beekmantown, Clinton County, New York. She was allowed her pension as the legal widow of John How.

In 1838, Hannah, the mother of the soldier's children, was aged about seventy-four years; she resided then in the west part of Plattsburgh, New York.

In 1837, one William Canfield of Ticonderoga, New York, stated that John How and Phebe Reynolds were married at his mother's house in Great Nine Partners (Washington) New York. In 1837, John A Ferris of Plattsburgh, New York, stated that he was a cousin of Phebe How. In 1837, Jacob White of Peru, New York, stated that said Phebe was his mother's cousin.

It is shown that John Howe, Jr. and his wife, Phebe, owned land in Grate Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, in 1788.