

### **Pension Application for Abraham J. Lighthall**

W.16631 (Widow: Catharine)

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this first day of April 1839, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Supreme Court Commissioners for said County Catharine Lighthall—a resident of Wampsville In the County of Madison aforesaid aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Abraham (or Abraham J.) Lighthall who was a private in the Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple (1) in the District of Schenectada & then County of Albany to wit in the company of militia commanded by Captain Jellis J. Fonda (2) and Abraham Van Eps (3) as this declarant has been informed and believes to be true, and that said Abraham Lighthall otherwise served in the war of the revolution as is set forth in the papers hereto annexed but that this declarant has no personal knowledge of his services, yet remembers hearing him relate, that he served in the campaign of 1777 at the taking of Burgoyne (4) & that he was at Fort George (5) making boats in 1779.

And she further declares that her maiden name was "Cuyler, that she was married at Stillwater NY at the time herein after set forth by some clergyman whose name she cannot recollect that she has no documentary or record evidence of her marriage, except that contained in her family bible & that the leaf on which the same was written is hereto annexed—

She further declares, that she was married to the said Abraham Lighthall on the ninth day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, that her husband, the aforesaid Abraham Lighthall died on the Eleventh day of March 1831; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated. (Signed) Catharine Lighthall.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me the said commissioner and I certify that said Catharine Lighthall is unable to attend court by reason of bodily infirmity. John T. Spinner, Sup. Court Comm.

Family record from the Bible

Marriages

Abraham Lighthall was married to Catharine Cuyler April the 9 1787.

Nancy Lighthall was married to Peter Bovie in the year 1815 Sep 10

Janehelen Lighthall was married to Joseph Blakesly in 1822 Feb 4

William Lighthall was married to Harriet Jackson July the 1, 1832.

Births

Janehelen Lighthall was born, October the 12 1800

Caty Mariah Lighthall was born February the 11, 1803

William Lighthall was born June the 1 1806

Abraham J Lighthall was born 9 July 1753

Catharine Cuyler was born 11 January 1763

Sarah Lighthall was born 30 April 1788

Nancy Lighthall was born 13 March 1790

James Lighthall was born 24 April 1792

Cornelius Lighthall was born 9 March 1794

John Lighthall was born 7 June 1796

Jacob Wendel Lighthall was born 5 July 1799

JaneHelen Lighthall was born 12 Oct 1800

Caty Mariah Lighthall was born 11 Feb. 1803

William Lighthall was born 1 June 1806

End Notes—W.16631—Abraham J. Lighthall

1. Abraham Wemple was the Colonel of the Second Regiment of Albany County Militia of the Schenectady District.
2. Jellis J. Fonda was the Captain of the First Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
3. Captain Abraham VanEps served in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
4. The "Burgoyne Campaign" was in 1777. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.

5. Bateaus were built to transport supplies and troops for Brigadier General James Clinton in 1779. Clinton joined forces with Major General John Sullivan and the combined army marched against the Iroquois villages in the western part of New York State. Fort George was located near Lake George. Abraham served in Captain Nicholas Veeder's Company in the Quartermaster Department during this service. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, National Archives, Washington, D.C.