

Pension Application for Abraham Orser

W.19940 (Widow: Phebe) Abraham died October 30, 1815.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester aforesaid (the same being a Court of record) Phebe Orser a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of Westchester aforesaid aged seventy three years in the month of August last past 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Abraham Orser who was a private in the army of the revolution.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private in the year 1775 (as this Deponent has often heard her said husband relate in his life time, and was marched to Canada under the command of Colonel Philip VanCortlandt as this deponent thinks her said husband informed her and was in said service at that time one year and was then honorably discharged.

And the Deponent further saith that after her marriage with the said Abraham Orser he was in the said service in the County of Westchester aforesaid in the Company of militia commanded by Captain John Odle of the County of Westchester aforesaid in the year 1779, 1780, 1781, 1783 & 1783.

That she cannot now state the length of time she served during the last mentioned years as it consisted of different tours but she thinks his service during those years would amount to at least eighteen months. That she thinks he served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hammond of said County. That her said husband resided in the said County of West Chester at the times he entered the said service as aforesaid and always resided in said County that she has no documentary evidence of said service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Abraham Orser at Crompond in said County by the Revd Mr. Jackson some time in the month of January 1779, the day of the month she cannot state; that her husband the aforesaid Abraham Orser died on the 30th day of October 1815 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed wither mark) Phebe Orser

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of January 1837 before me. Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of Westchester Court of Com. Pleas.