

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ashbel (Archibald) Dean W20965 Rachel Dean NY
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State of Vermont }
City of Vergennes Ss. }

On this 8th day of May A.D. 1839 personally appeared before the Hon. City Court now sitting in the City of Vergennes within & for said City, in Addison County Vermont Rachel Dean of Monkton in the County of Addison & state of Vermont aged sixty seven years the 31st day of December A.D. 1838 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 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" – that she is the widow of Ashbel Dean (otherwise called, Archibald Dean) late of Monkton aforesaid, deceased, who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, in the New York Line – that she understood from him & verily believes the same, that he served in Capt. Walkers Company of New York Artillery, & that afterwards (the precise time does not remember) he again enlisted into the United States service New York Line, in a Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Machin, Col. John Lambs' [John Lamb's] Regiment of Artillery, during the war & served until he was honorably discharged, & she fully believes that he served more than two years. – She has frequently heard her husband aforesaid say that he was a soldier doing his duty at the capture of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781], & at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [in SC, 8 Sep 1781], & at several other places which she cannot now specify, all of which she verily believes to be true.

She further declares that she was married to the said Ashbel or Archibald Dean, at Monkton on the 20th day of November A.D. 1787 by the Hon. Abel Thompson Judge of the Addison County Court since deceased – that her husband the said Dean died at Monkton aforesaid on the 5th day of May A.D. 1823 & that she is now & has remained a widow of the said Dean since his decease as aforesaid.

[signed] Rachel Dean

I, Eli Nichols [Elijah Nicols] of Middlebury in the County of Addison & State of Vermont, of lawful age, testify & say that I served, during the war of the Revolution in Capt. Robert Walker's Company, in the 2^d Regiment of New York Artillery Col. Lamb & Gen Roger's Brigade for the space of one year, and that during said year's service, Archibald or Ashbel Dean, (who many years afterward I know lived in Monkton, Vermont.) served in the same company with me and was one of my messmates. After said years service Dean & myself served together, according to my best recollection, in the same Company of Artillery, during the war and were at Yorktown at the taking of Lord Cornwallis. I well recollect that he served with me a number of years, but whether in the same Company of Artillery or some other company, I cannot certainly recollect. Elij Nicols

[3 Apr 1839]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink. The signature reads "Eli Nichols" and is dated "April 3rd 1839". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

NOTE: Arzah C. Dean stated that he had often heard his father, Ashbel Dean, described his service as related by his mother, Rachel Dean. A document in the file states that there was a record of the marriage of Ashbel Dean and Rachel Barum on 20 Nov 1787.