

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Cohen W21599

Judith Abrahams¹

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 3rd day of July 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Judith Abraham a resident of Charleston aged seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837. That, she was married to Moses Cohen, who was a volunteer Soldier during the War of the Revolution in a Corps called the Grenadier Company of Charleston South Carolina militia commanded by Captain Bacot and served in same for two years, and upwards in the following manner, to which, He joined said Corps in the year 1776 for she has heard her husband the said Moses Cohen related to her, that, during the fight at Fort Moultrie in June 1776 he was under arms on the wharf for the defense of the City, she further states, that for more than a year before the fall of Charleston he was constantly with his Corps under arms for its protection, that, he manned the lines in the year 1779 upon occasion of the expected attack by General Prevost in 1779, that he went with a detachment from this City in same year, to drive the British out of Savannah; that, he with David N. Cardosa² and Samuel Mordecai formed the third row of the forlorn hope in that disastrous assault that, in the recoil of the troops from the fire of the garrison he suffered exceedingly, was rescued from exposure in a swamp, and was upon his return to his house in Charleston, confined for several weeks to his bed – that, he served against the British during the Siege of Charleston, and that, upon the surrender of same he was, while under arms, made a prisoner of war, and kept as such for twelve months. That, after the lapse of this time, he was indulged to go at large upon parole, that during the time of his said imprisonment being obnoxious to the enemy they suffered loss and endured indignity from their Hessian auxiliaries. She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Cohen on the 10th of February 1779 as appears by an original entry in her Bible which according to an ancient custom is the family register, and that, her husband the aforesaid Moses Cohen died on the 30th of June 1789, That, she was afterwards married to Joseph Abrahams in the year 1793, who died on the 5th day of February 1797 and that, she was a widow on the Fort July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me, and I also certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Jacob Axson, Recorder

S/ Judith Abrahams



¹ Former widow

² [David N. Cardozo \(Cardoza\) R20830](#)

[fn p. 8: Sarah Cardoza widow [of David N. Cardoza], 73, gave a supporting affidavit.]
[fn p. 9: Rachel Lazarus, 76, gave a supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 9th Day of July 1838 Personally appeared before the undersigned, Mr. John Cart,³ aged seventy-seven years, a revolutionary pensioner, at a resident of said City of Charleston, who being duly sworn, Depoeth, that, he knew the late Mr. Moses Cohen of Charleston deceased, during the War of the Revolution, and to have been a member of a volunteer Corps called the "Grenadiers" of Charleston, and this Deponent saith, he has every reason to believe he was a private and served as such in said Corps for two years under arms against the enemy previous to the surrender of the City. Deponent saith he has reason to believe that said Cohen was at the Siege of Savannah, and that, he was while under arms taken a prisoner at the fall of Charleston, and returned as a prisoner on parole for twelve months. Deponent saith that he knows Mrs. Judith Abrahams, the widow of said Moses:, that, he knows her to be said Cohen's wife during the War of the Revolution, for in the year A.D. 1780 deponent was a clerk to her father Mister Isaac Delyon deceased who then kept a merchant store at the corner of King and Queen Street and that, the said Moses Cohen and his wife the present, Mrs. Judith Abrahams, then lived in the house with the aforesaid Mr. Isaac De Lyon in the said year 1780, and that, said Judith is his widow, and that, she is a widow and was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and that she always bore a respectable character for veracity. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I certify the credibility of the affiant

S/ P. Cantwell, NP

S/ John Cart

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

³ [John Cart S8139](#)