

Pension Application for Henry Bogart (Bogert, Bogerd)

W.20,750 (Widow Prudence)

B.L.Wt.33569-160-55

This may certify to all whom it may concernne that Henry Bogert and Prudence Keeler have lawfully married by me on the fifth day of October 1787. Berick Keeler El'd, Henry Bogert, Prudence Bogert.

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Jefferson County now sitting Henry Bogart a resident of Elizabethtown in the province of Upper Canada aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, to wit.—I, the said Henry Bogart was born on the 20th August 1761—at Albany in the State of New York. I have no record of my age, but as near as I can recollect the above statement is correct.—When I was first called into the service of the United States, I resided at Cherry Valley in the State of New York—at the close of the Revolutionary War I resided at Fishkill in the State of New York. — I remained there only about one year and then went to live at Fort Hunter on the Mohawk—with Judge Harper—I lived there about 2 years, I then went to Stillwater and lived there about 1 ½ years—and then I returned again to Fort Hunter where I remained about 2 years and then I removed to Upper Canada where I have ever since resided.—

In the year 1777 I was first enrolled in the Militia at Cherry Valley, in the Company of Capt. McKeen (1) and in Col. Campbell's Regiment, Lt. Col. Clyde (2)—and previous to the burning of Cherry Valley (3) I was in actual service and on duty as a private with my company and Regiment above mentioned a number of different tours and in all more than six months.—

After the burning of Cherry Valley I went down onto the Mohawk River & then I stood a draft and was drafted as a Militia man and was attached to Capt. M. DeGraff's (4) Company and to the Regiment Commanded by Col. Fisher—and of which one Vedder (5) was Lt. Col.—My company was first assembled at Caughnawaga and in the fall of the year 1778 we men marched to Johnstown and after staying at Johnstown 3 or 4 weeks we marched out to the Block House (6) between Johnstown and the Fish House on the North River—where we stayed two or 3 weeks—and we were out on scouting, parties and as look outs for some time longer.

I remained in the company of Capt. DeGraff in the regiment aforesaid for more than two years and a half and until I enlisted as herein after stated and during the time that I was so attached to Capt. De Graffs Company I was actually on duty and in the service as a private soldier or militia man, more than one half of the time— Sometimes after having been out on Duty for a number of weeks I would not be at home more than 24 hours before I was again called upon and on short [notice] it was almost one continual alarm during the whole time that I belonged to the company & regiment aforesaid—I was in a skirmish at Schoharie (7) in the year '78 or '79 (and what year I can't recollect) when the Indians burned a few houses—I was then wounded in two places—after that I was in a skirmish at Johnstown (8) when the Indians & British Regulars attacked that place—General Van Rensselaer at that time commanded the American forces at Johnstown—at this time our company was out and in actual service about 2 or 3 weeks.—

Afterwards in March 1781 (9)—I enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Denny in the regiment commanded by Col. Hays (10)—or Hay—the Lieutenant of our Company was named Campbell—a part of our company were mustered at Albany in April and were marched from there to Fishkill where we joined our regiment and I remained in the service under the same officers above mentioned for the term of which I enlisted and I was then regularly discharged and received a written discharge which was lost or destroyed many years ago—It was signed by the Col. of the Regiment, I have & perhaps by some other person but I cannot now recollect by whom,— The head quarters of our regiment was at Fishkill during the whole nine months last of aforesaid but in the meantime our company was put to various services—sometimes we were put to Boating on the river—part of the time we were employed in making the Garrison at West Point, and some of the time we were on scouting parties.—

Mr. Jaber Landers of Young about 8 miles from my place of residence—Mr. Jonathan Hunter of Alexander in Jefferson County Col. Adial Sherwood—who lives within a mile of my house—Mr. William Smart a Presbyterian Minister residing within two miles of my place of residence—also Mr. Daniel Jones a Lawyer in Brockville—all of them well acquainted with me and can certify to my character for truth & veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution—

I have no documentary evidence touching the services above mentioned or any part of them—and I know of no person whose testimony I can now procure who can testify to the above services or any part of them.—

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Henry Bogart

Sworn & Subscribed [in] open court the day & year aforesaid P. Burchard Clerk

Prudence Bogart made claim to a pension 17th day of September 1838 in Jefferson County. She stated her husband Henry Bogart died on the 25th day of June 1834 in Brockville, and that she married at Stillwater in Saratoga County on the 5th day of October 1787.

June 29, 1855, at age 85, Prudence who was a resident at Merrickville, County of Granville, Upper Canada, made application for 160 acres of Bounty Land.

End Notes—W.20750—Henry Bogart

1. Henry is in error about Captain Robert McKean. Captain McKean was appointed Captain of the Sixth company on December 14, 1776 in place of Samuel VanVeghten in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. Captain McKean resigned on January 29, 1778 to go home to take care of his family as his wife had recently died. Captain McKean returned to Cherry Valley where he lived but did not serve in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Henry most likely served in Captain Thomas Whitaker's Company in Campbell's Regiment. So far a muster roll for Whitaker's Company has not been found.
2. Samuel Clyde and Campbell were not Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel until June 25, 1778, when they were commissioned.
3. Cherry Valley was destroyed on November 11, 1778 by Captains Walter Butler and Joseph Brant.
4. Henry's name does not appear to have served in Captain Emanuel DeGraff's Company, the Seventh Company, in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. His name appears in the records as having served in Captain Joseph Yeamens' company in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.
5. Volkert Veeder served as the Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.
6. The Sacondaga Blockhouse was not built until April of 1779.
7. There is not enough information to know when or where he was wounded. There were numerous raids in that area.
8. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781 but Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer was not there. Henry could not have been in this battle unless his date of 1781 was actually 1780.
9. Many pensioners claim to have served in Captain John Denny's Company in the Quartermaster General's department in 1780. So far muster rolls for this company have not been found so it may have existed more than one year.
10. Udney Hays served as Deputy Quartermaster General with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.