

Pension Application for Henry Charlick

S.23569

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester.

Henry Charlick a resident of the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester and State of New York aged eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

On or about the month of September 1775, he volunteered into the company called Minute-Men, in the Town of Bedford under the command of Capt. Eli Seely and was called out under said officer to the White Plains and there stationed as a guard six days, from thence marched through [Shapauqua?] to Pines Bridge on Croton River and there stationed as a guard two weeks.

On or about the month of May 1776, he volunteered or entered the service under Capt. Marcus Moseman, Gabriel Higgins Lieut, and Eli Tyler Ensign and in the Regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Thomas, in the Town of Bedford was ordered out by said officers and marched to New Rochelle, and there served four weeks as a guard, and at that place was verbally discharged by Col. Thomas.

In the month of July 1776 was called out again under the above named officers to TarryTown at the time two British Ships of War (viz) the Phoenix and Rose lay off against TarryTown and was there stationed as a guard for two weeks and was there verbally discharged by Col. Thomas.

On or about the month of September 1776, was called out again by said officers and marched to Collabergh on the Hudson River and was there stationed as a guard for the term of our weeks, until relieved by the Easter Troops and was there verbally discharged by Col. Thomas. And in the month of October 1776 was called out again by said officers and marched to Mamaroneck near the East River, to guard Lumber and Commissary Stores for the term of six weeks, and then retreated before the enemy to the White Plains and was there verbally discharged by said officers.

On or about the month of January 1777 was called out by said officers to Harrisons Purchase from thence marched to East Chester and there stationed as a guard and patrol, in collecting forage for the period of ten weeks, and about the last of March, the enemy surrounded the guard house in the night and twenty or more of the Americans were taken prisoners.

The enemy left one Major Campbell killed from thence retreated to Harrisons purchase and there stationed as a guard and patrol for the term of six weeks, and was there discharged by Col. Thomas on or about the month of September 1777 was again called out by said officers and marched to Mamaroneck and served there as a guard and patrol for the term of three weeks, from thence marched through the aforesaid County of Westchester by Saw Mill River, to Pines Bridge on Croton River from thence to Peekskill at the time Fort Montgomery was taken by the enemy from thence marched back through the said county aforesaid to Harrison's Purchase and there served as a guard and patrol for the term of four weeks, and was there verbally discharged by Col. Thomas.

On or about the month of December 1778 was called out by said officers and stationed at William Crafts house in North Castle, and there served as a guard and patrol for the term of three months and was at the expiration of said term of time verbally discharged by his officers.

On or about the month of May 1779 was called out again by said officers and stationed as a guard and patrol in the west part of Bedford and in the month of June 1779 a party of the British cavalry and Foot marched into the County of West Chester as far north as compound and took about forth of the Americans prisoners and burnt a number of the houses in the village. On their return back and at

Pines Bridge, the company under the command of Capt. Marcus Moesman attacked the enemy at Pines Bridge and took four of the enemies horsemen prisoners.

And in the month of July 1779 the enemy advanced as far into the County of WestChester as the Town of Bedford and burnt the village of Bedford, and from the month of July 1779 was called out under said officers in the Town of Bedford and served as guard and patrol to repel the excursions of the enemy in the Town of Bedford and on the lines in West Chester County until the first of September 1780 when he the said Henry Charlick was taken prisoner by the enemy and carried to New York and put in the Sugar House and there imprisoned for the term of ten weeks, and was then exchanged and returned to Bedford West Chester County and then served under his, the aforesaid officers till the end of the war, and the service then rendered from July 1779 to the close of the Revolutionary War—was the full term of one whole years.

And to the Interrogatories propounded to him by the Judge agreeably with instructions of the war department, he on his oath maketh answer and saith that he was born in the year 1752 at Bedford Town in the County of WestChester.

That he has a record of his age; which record is in his family Bible at his own house in the Town of Bedford.

That he resided in the Town of Bedford in the said County of WestChester, at the times he entered the service as aforesaid.

And since the Revolutionary [war] has lived and now lives in the said Town of Bedford in the County of WestChester aforesaid.

That at one of the periods for which he entered the service he entered as a volunteer, and at the other times, when called out by his officers.

That the names of the regular officers he now recollects who were with the troops, where he did service in the county of WestChester are Col. Sheldon, Col. Mileden, Col. Lee, Col. Drake, Col. Ludington, Major Strand, Col Hammond, General Scott, Col. Philip VanCortland and the officers belonging to his company and regiment as herein before stated.

That the services he rendered was in the town of Bedford, and in the different towns and on the lines in West Chester County, as herein before stated, that there were sometimes a few regular troops with the Militia on the lines. That he now recollects, Col. Sheldon, Col. Miledon, General Scott, and Capt. Richard.

That he did not at any time receive a written discharge.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service. That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are, Abraham Barrett and Stephen Lounsbury.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Henry Charlick

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid before me. Ezra Lockwood, one of the Judges &c of Westchester County.

Letter in folder dated October 24, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23569, it appears that Henry Charlick was born in 1752, at Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

While residing at said Bedford, he served as a private with the New York Troops as follows:

In Sept. 1775, three weeks in Captain Eli Seeley's Company, and as follows in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; from May 1776, four weeks; in July 1776, two weeks; from September 1776, four weeks; from October 1776, six weeks; from January 1777, sixteen weeks; from September 1777, seven weeks; from December 1778, three months; from May

1779 to June 1779, and was in an engagement at Pine's Bridge; from July 1779 to September 1, 1780, when he was taken prisoner, carried to New York and held in the Sugar House ten weeks when he was exchanged, and continued to serve at various times to the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 26, 1832, at which time he was living at Bedford, New York. There are no family data.