

Pension Application for Henry Cline

S.29079

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 23d day of July 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State of New York Henry Cline a resident of the town of Rensselaerville in the county of Albany and State of New York aged 77 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 7, 1832.

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

He first entered the said service in the town of Hillsdale in the county of Columbia in the State of New York where he then resided and volunteered and joined Capt. Peter VanRensselaer's company in Colonel VanDyck's & Lieut Colo. TenEyck's regiment on the first day of June 1775 and immediately marched from there to Lake George towards Canada, and did garrison duty at a Fort or Picket near the said lake in the said company and regiment until in the month of December following and there was dismissed and returned home.

In the spring of the next year 1776. He again volunteered and joined Capt Abraham Fonday's Company and went in said company together with another company from Hillsdale aforesaid to a place called Half Moon near the Mohawk River, where he staid to guard against tories & Indians one month and returned home at Hillsdale aforesaid.

In the month of August 1777 he gain volunteered and joined a company commanded by the said Capt Abraham Fonda in Colonel Livingston's regiment at Hillsdale and immediately marched to Stillwater in New York and joined the forces then under the command of Genl Gates and assisted and was engaged in taking Genl Burgoyne and his army. That he at that place got the measles and was sent home, and got back to Hillsdale aforesaid about the first day of November following. That he volunteered at this time for three months.

In the month of May 1778 he gain volunteered and joined a company the Captain's name of which he does not recollect, the Lieuts name was Peter Loop at Hillsdale aforesaid for the term of nine months. That he immediately marched to Johnstown in New York where he joined Colonel Willett's regiment. That after doing duty in the said regiment over one month. He was taken sick, and hired one, Phillip Flipsey to take his place, and serve the remainder of his time out, and he returned home.

On the first of August or last of July in the same year 1778. He again volunteered and joined Capt Peter VanRensselaer's company at Hillsdale and immediately marched to fort Herkimer and again joined Colo Willet's Regiment, on the Mohawk River. That he was stationed at Fort Herkimer and did garrison duty there until in the month of December in the same year and was then dismissed and he returned home to Hillsdale. He got married shortly after this, and did not again enter the service during the Revolutionary War.

That he served as a private soldier in the campaigns above stated.

He never received any written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence in relation to his service.

That he resides 28 miles from the city of Albany where the Courts of Record for the County of Albany are held, and that he is very poor and infirm and cannot attend the court by reason of bodily infirmity.

That he was in no battles, except the surrender of Burgoyne.

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.

He knows of no person he can procure to testify to his service at this time except Henry Cole who has made the following affidavit. (Signed) Henry Cline
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.
J. B. Moore, Judge of Albany County Courts.

Letter in folder dated December 12, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.29079, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Henry Cline.

Henry Cline was born February 17, 1755, in Livingston Manor, Columbia County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown. He resided there until he was about seven years of age, then moved to Hillsdale, in that same county, where he lived during the period of the Revolutionary War.

Henry Cline enlisted and served as a private in the New York troops, at different times, shown as follow: from June 1, 1775, six months in captain Peter VanRensselaer's company, Colonel VanDyck's regiment, a part of the time at Lake George; in the spring of 1776, one month in Captain Abraham Fonda's company, on guard at Half Moon; from about the last of August 1777, three months in Captain Abraham Fonda's company, Colonel Livingston's regiment, during which he was in the campaign against General Burgoyne's army and was present at the surrender of that officer; from sometime in May 1778, one month under Lieutenant Peter Loop in Colonel Willet's regiment, near Johnstown, New York; and from sometime in August 1777, four months in Captain Peter VanRensselaer's company, Colonel Willet's regiment, during which he was stationed at Fort Herkimer.

The soldier resided in Hillsdale, New York, until about the year 1809, when he moved to Lexington, Green County, New York, thence to Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York.

Henry Cline was allowed pension on his application executed July 23, 1832, at which time he resided in Rensselaerville, New York, about twenty-eight miles from Albany, New York, he had resided there about one year.

Henry Cline stated that he returned home to Hillsdale, New York, in December 1778 from Fort Herkimer and that he married shortly afterwards; he did not state the name of his wife, nor give the date of his marriage. There are no further data in regard to the soldier's family.