

## **Pension Application for Henry Curtis or Bass**

S.40873

District of Pennsylvania

Wayne County SS.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August Anno Domini 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Wayne, being a Court of Record for the said county created & expressly made such by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania see act of 22 May [17??] Henry Curtis aged seventy six years resident in Canaan Township in the said County of Wayne, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz. That he enlisted for during the war in Captain Aaron Austin's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Courtland being the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment and served during the war, when he was honourably discharged.

Date of Original Declaration number or Pension Certificate 16,361, and I the said Henry Curtis do further swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818—and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the 18<sup>th</sup> of march 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due tome, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Henry Curtis

Sworn to and declared in open court on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1820 before  
Abisha Woodward.

Letter in folder dated June 14, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of George Fauver, spelled also Fever, Fuvor, and Favour, and Henrich Bass of New York.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a Henrich Bass. The record has been found, however, or Henry Curtis who served under the assumed name, Henry Bass, during that war; his records is furnished herein as it may aid you in your research. The record of George Feuwer is furnished also from pension claim W.3967.

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Henry Curtis emigrated from Germany in the year 1773 to Great Britain, where he was put on board a British man-of-war vessel and while lying off Boston in the year 1774, he deserted from said vessel and immediately assumed the name, Henry Bass, under which he served in the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted in the fall of 1777, at Fort Stanwix, New York, as private in captain Aaron Austin's Company, Colonel VanCoerland's New York regiment and served until peace was declared, when he was discharged at Newburgh, New York; during this

service he was with General Sullivan in the Lake Country, and at the taking of Cornwallis. Shortly after his discharge, he resumed his own name, Henry Curtis, and was known by that name subsequent to his service in the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 16, 1819, at which time he was aged seventy years; the date and place of birth of Henry Curtis, alias Bass, are not shown, nor the names of his parents given. In 1819 he was a resident of Wayne County, Pennsylvania; his wife was then aged about sixty years; her name is not shown, nor the date and place of their marriage given.

In 1820, the soldier stated that his son, who worked the farm on shares, was the only one of his children living at home. He did not give the name of that son, nor names of any other children. There are no further data relative to soldier's family.