

Pension Application for George Hackney

W.17036 (Widow: Mary) Married May 1782. George died October 4, 1821.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, of the 7th July, 1838, entitled "An act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of New York SS:

Herkimer County

On this fourteenth day of August 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Herkimer, Mary Hackney a resident of the town of Postville in the county of Herkimer aforesaid aged Seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain windows:"

That she is the widow of George Hackney—who was a soldier in the army of the revolution.

That he was a private in a company of militia commanded by some officer in the Regiment raised in the District of Schenectada (1)—but this declarant cannot specify the names of his officers nor the particulars of his service —which are shown by the affidavits & documents hereto annexed—and she further declares that she was married to said George Hackney by an aged clergyman of the Presbyterian church, at the house of a Mr. John Brown who lived on the hill near the hospital at Albany N.Y. That said Brown and his family were the only persons present at the marriage, and they have all long since departed this life.

She further declares, that she was married to the said George Hackney in the month of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two; that her husband, the aforesaid George Hackney died on the fourth day of October 1821; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four viz, at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Mary Hackney.
Richard Herendeen, John J. Schermerhorn.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me the said Judge; and I the said Judge to hereby certify, that said Mary Hackney cannot attend Court by reason of bodily infirmity. Richard Herendeen, Judge of Herkimer County Courts

State of New York

Schenectada County SS

Cornelius Z. Van Santvoord of the City of Schenectada in said County being duly sworn saith that he is a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That during the war of the revolution he was an Ensign in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain Abraham Oothout in the Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple in the District of Schenectada. That he this Deponent was during said war and has been since well acquainted with George Hackney, the same person described in the accompanying papers and whose widow is an applicant for a pension under the Act of 7th July 1838. That he this Deponent was the head of a Class, (2) and on the Seventeenth day of April 1781 Engage the said George Hackney to serve as private in the Ragement [sic, regiment] of levies (3) then Raised for nine months and paid him a bounty of twenty pounds in Specie, on what day or how long after the Engagement he Entered the [?] I know not but that did enter agreeable to his Enlistment I know, and was wounded in the head with a hatched [sic, hatchet] in the battle at Johnstown in October 1781 (4), and it appears from a memorandum in writing which I find among my papers that he said George Hackney commanded service once ab out the 17th or

August 1781, but of this fact this deponent is not fully assured. (Signed) Corns Z. VN
Santvoord

Subscribed & sworn this 4th April 1839.

State of New York
County of Schenectada

Christopher Ward of the City of Schenectada in said County aged Eighty-one years and upwards being duly sworn saith, that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution and is now a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 During said war this deponent was well acquainted with George Hackney, the same person referred to and described in the accompanying papers, whose widow is now an applicant for a pension. In the fall of the year 1781, when this Deponent was on duty at Fort Hunter he saw the said George Hackney brought into said fort wounded by the Indians. His wound was occasioned by a blow from a tomahawk while in the heat of battle. Said Hackney was removed to a hospital unable to perform further duty. At the time said George Hackney was wounded as aforesaid, this Deponent was informed and verily believes that said George belonged to the Regiment of state troops commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett, and that he had enlisted for the term of nine months in said Regiment. (Signed) Christ Ward (5)

Subscribed & sworn this 15th day of September 1838, & I certify that said Christopher Ward is a credible witness. Roswell Perry. J.P.

Schenectady August 18, 1784.

Sirs,

You will please to deliver unto Mr. Simon J. Vrooman (6) all my wages for my services in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty One In Col Willet's Regt of Levies as I acknowledge in the Value received and his receipt shall be your sufficient voucher—Witness my hand the day and year above writen [sic written] (Signed) George Hackney

Witness Present

John J. Vrooman.

To Lieut Thimothy Hattun [sic, Timothy Hutton]

Received New York 27th Augt 1784 of Colo. Marinus Willett the sum of twenty one pounds nineteen shillings & one penny, on the within order. £ 21 . . 19 . . 1 Simon J. Vroman

Treasurer's Office

State of New York

Albany Jany 18, 1839, I Certify the above to be a true copy of a paper now on file in this office. G. H. Barstow, Treas'r

End Notes—W.17036—George Hackney

1. George served as a private in Captain John Mynderson's Second Company in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia.

There was one certificate for £ 2 . . 2 . . 8 for this company.

George had one certificate for £ 1 . . 6 . . 8 for service as a private in Captain Thomas Wasson's Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.

FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 170, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. A company or regiment of militia were put into classes for service purposes such as when to go on duty for guarding forts or for service in the levies. The head of a class was responsible to collect money and to find someone to serve to fill a quota in a regiment of Continentals or Levies.

Cornelius included the class roll with his testimony. Cornelius paid £ 0 . . 12 . . 0 and after everyone paid it totaled £ 14 . . 18 . . 0.

3. George enlisted as a private on April 23, 1781 in Captain Lawrence Gross' Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. On Captain Gross' Roll cited in end note 3 under remarks state "*sick absent Schenectady*". The second muster roll dated Albany February 8, 1782, lists George as discharged on December 31, 1781.
5. Christopher Ward served as a private in Captain's Wasson's and Mynderson's Companies in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
6. Simon J. Vrooman had served as a lieutenant in Captain Gross' Company in 1781.