

Pension Application for Henry Hannis

S.32288

In the matter of Henry Hannis, an applicant for a pension, under the act of Congress of June 7 A.D. 1832. Recorded in book A. Page 1328 E. Patton clerk.

The State of Indiana

Switzerland County SS.

On this fourteenth day of November A.D. 1832, personally appeared, being a court of record, Henry Hannis, a resident of Switzerland county , Indiana aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of congress, passed the 7th of June, A.D. 1832—that he, the said Henry Hannis entered the service of the United States, during the American Revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—

That he, the said Henry Hannis in

1775 and 1776 served nine months in Captain Aker's Company of New York Militia.

1776 Six months in Captain John Deyo's company of N. York Militia & Paulding's regt, Clinton's brigade.

1777 Six months in Capt. Hardenbourgh's [Hardenbergh's] company N.Y. militia in Paulding's regiment.

1777 Three months in Capt. Ransom's company N.Y. militia--Hardenbourgh's regiment.

1779 Four months in Capt Conklin's company N.Y. militia – Crane's regiment.

1781 Three months in Capt. Bowen's Company Virginia militia—W. Campbell's regiment.

And that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said Henry Hannis

1. Where, and in what year were you born? I was born in Ulster County N. York, on the 12th of May A.D. 1757.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? I have it at home in my bible, copied from; my father's bible.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live? I lived in Ulster Co. aforesaid, removed to Virginia in 1780 and resided in that state nine or ten years. Then removed to Kentucky and lived about thirty years – then removed to Indiana resided there ever since.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted—did you volunteer, or were you as substitute? And if a substitute, for whom? I was drafted and enlisted.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiment as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. In 1776 Genl Alexander in 1777, General Gates, Col. Morgan, Stark and Warner.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it? I never received a written discharge.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services and a soldier of the Revolutionary. John Graham, Griffith Dickinson, Francis Lansdale, John F. Dufour, William Turner, William Jackson, Griffith, John Wright, Henry Banta.
8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony you can procure to testify to your services? I have no documentary evidence and know of no person living by whom I can prove said services. (Signed) Henry Hannis

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Edward Patton, Clerk
Letter in folder dated March 11, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry Hannis, who received a pension in 1831, while a resident of Switzerland County, Indiana.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.32288, based upon the military service of Henry Hannis in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Hannis was born May 12, 1757 in Ulster County, New York. The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing in said Ulster County, Henry Hannis served as a private with the New York troops, as follows—

From sometime in September, 1775, nine months in Captain John Aker's company, from early in July, 1776, in Captain John Deyo's company, Colonel Pawling's regiment, was in a skirmish with the British, and was discharged December 25, 1776; from early in 1777, six months in Captain Hardenbergh's company, Colonel Pawling's regiment; from sometime in August, 1777, three months in Captain Peleg Ransom's company, Colonel Hardenbergh's regiment, was in the battle of Saratoga, and guarded the Hessians prisoners to Albany; from sometime in September, 1779, four months in Captain Conklin's company under Colonel Owens.

The soldier, Henry Hannis, moved sometime in 1780 from Ulster County, New York, to Washington County, Virginia, and served in 1781, three months under Captains Brown and Arthur Campbell in Colonel William Campbell's Virginia regiment.

Henry Hannis continued to live in the State of Virginia for about ten years, then moved to Kentucky, where he lived about thirty years, then moved to Indiana.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 14, 1832, then a resident of Switzerland County, Indiana. He died September 23, 1835.

The papers on file in this claim contain no reference to wife or children of the soldier, Henry Hannis.