

### **Pension Application for John Hardick**

W.19672 (Widow: Polly)

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 23d day of July A.D. 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said County in open court now sitting John Hardick a Resident of said City aged eighty two years last June, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That this applicant, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in the year 1776, then residing at Hudson volunteered in the company of Capt Casper Huyck, Lieut John Upham & Regt of Col Robert VanRensselaer, Lieut Col Henry Van Rensselaer & Major Richard Esselstyne.

This applicant was orderly sergeant in said Company & marched on said 15<sup>th</sup> of Jany first to Albany where they were joined by the militia from other quarters, thence to Canawaga [Caughnawaga] so called & thence to Johnstown, where Sir John Johnson was made prisoner with 3200 or 400 o0thers—and soon after the militia having effected the object of the March, were discharged & this deponent came home having been in actual service this time more than 2 weeks, say ½ a month as orderly sergeant.

Again before the middle of July 1777 he was ordered out under the same officers as orderly sergeant, to go to the north on the approach of Burgoyne from Ticonderoga marched via Albany on to Fort Edward where the troops encamped & awaited the arrival of the American troops from the north retreating before Burgoyne. While there, Genl Schuyler ordered all the grain in the surrounding country to be destroyed by the troops. A portion of the militia were then discharged & this deponent among them, about the middle of August & he came home, having been in service this time, as orderly sergeant one month & more.

Again about the first of September same year he was ordered out as orderly sergeant under the officers aforesaid—marched to Bemis Heights & was in actual service with the army till after the surrender of Burgoyne, where the militia were discharged & he arrived home some time in the latter part of October having served this time one & three quarter months again about the middle of October of 1778 he volunteered as a private in the company of Capt George Philips with the aforesaid Regimental officers to go to Schoharie where they built what was called the “middle Fort”—The troops lay there till the last of November & were then discharged & he returned home having been in actual service this time 1 ½ months as a private.

Again about the first of October in the year 1776 he was ordered out as orderly sergeant in the company of Capt. Abraham Fonda—a detachment which wait under the command of said Col. Robert Van Rensselaer to “Nine Partners” so called to apprehend some Tories—The marched directly to what was called the “Hollow”, & thence searched all the adjacent country & made in the whole about 80 prisoners. They then marched with said prisoners for Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

This Deponent went only 5 miles beyond Springfield Mass, when the Capt ordered this deponent to take 30 of the men & returned. He marched back & discharged them. He arrived home about the middle of November having served as orderly sergeant this time 1 ½ months.

And this deponent further says that all of his said actual service as above stated amounts to 6 ¼ months 1 ½ months as Private & the remainder as orderly sergeant.

That he served a much longer time, but by reason of old age he cannot specify any the friends precisely & there fore claims only for the periods above named & specified.

That he has always resided in Hudson aforesaid, & the only record of his age, is a family Bible.

That he was always a volunteer, a private once & Order[ly] Sergeant at every other time as above stated.

That he never had any written discharge, & has lost his sergeants warrant, & therefore has no documentary evidence.

That the names of the officers whom he can recollect are those already mentioned. Genl Schuyler at Johnstown & Ft. Edward & Genls Gates, Lincoln, & Arnold at Saratoga.

That the only living witness of his said services whom he can find are those who affidavits are here with sent in proving all the service except ½ months.

That his neighbors who will testify to his character & their belief in his Revolutionary services, are Joseph D. Morell, John W. Edmonds, Elisha Jenkins & Alexander coffin who is now 94 years of age & Oliver Wiswall.

That he hereby relinquishes all claim to any annuity or pension except the present, & that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Hardick

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. H. Munger Clk.

Letter in folder dated April 19, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19672, it appears that John Hardick or Herdick, while residing at Hudson, New York, enlisted and served in the New York Troops as follows:

From January 15, 1776, for about two weeks as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Casper Huyck's Company, Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Regiment, land was at the surrender of Sir John Johnson.

From October 1, 1776, for one and one half months as Orderly Sergeant in captain Abraham Fonda's Company, Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Regiment.

From July 1777 for more than one month as orderly Sergeant in Captain Casper Huyck's Company, Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Regiment, and was discharged about the middle of August.

From September 1, 1777, for about a months and three weeks as Orderly Sergeant under the same officers.

From October 1778 for one and one half months as a private in Captain George Phillips' Company, Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Regiment and was discharged the last of November.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 23, 1834, while a resident of Hudson, Columbia County, New York, aged 82 years. He died at Greenport, Columbia County, New York, April 7, 1843.

He married at Claverack, Columbia County, New York, March 25, 1790, Polly Hoper. She was allowed pension on her application executed September 22, 1843, while a resident of Hudson, New York, aged 72 years.