

## **Pension Application for John Heliker**

S.16149

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for the County of Steuben and State of New York now setting John Heliker a resident of Jasper in the County of Steuben and State of New York 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

First he was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1758 in the County of Westchester in the State of New York cannot remember what Town thinks there was no towns at that time.

When about four years old he removed to the now Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] then called Charlotte Precinct when about 12 or 13 years of age he remove[d] to the then Town of Stanford in the same county near a place called Cold Spring remained there about 5 years he removed back to Westchester near the place he was born.

He thinks in the year 1776 he was pressed with a team at Fishkill to cart flower [flour] from Matty VanBenscotens mills to the Academy then occupied for a hospital in that place and at this time see General Washington at Fishkill Village he was out more than three days at this time he was then called out the same season in the militia [militia] under Captain John Brinkerhoof Lieutenant Thomas Swarthout Sergeant [sergeant] Sloat, Colonel Hendrick Whycoff, General Lewis Debois and General Arnold was the commander in chief he was called out about the 8<sup>th</sup> of July rendezvoused at the now Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County was then moved to Fort Constitution where they had to lay on their arms for nearly the whole service and was discharge[d] sometime in the fore part of October following after being out in actual service more than three months at this time and see General Arnold at Fort Constitution during this campaign.

He was then called out the next season 1777 the forepart of July under the same officers rendezvoused at Fishkill Village marched to the Highlands towards New York their duty was to guard enemy from coming up the River or by land was here when General Burgoyne and his army passed after his surrender at Saratoga and see General Burgoyne when he passed and was discharged sometime in November after being out in actual service more than four months at this time he then in the year 1780 he removed to the Town of Washington in the County of Dutchess was then called out in an alarm under Captain Samuel Smith Lieutenant Miller and four days at this time he was out on actual duty.

He then resided in different parts of the above Town of Washington till the year 1811 except the eight years he resided in the Town of Clinton adjoining Washington he

then removed to the Town of Harpersfield in the County of Delaware [Delaware] in the same state where he resided nearly five years he then removed to the then Town of Scipio in the County of Cayuga where he resided about nine years the then removed to the now Town of Jasper in the County of Steuben where he still resides.

He has a record of his age that he drew from the family record which he believes to be correct.

That he never received a written discharge; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the above is strictly true according to his best recollection & belief.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory [territory]. (Signed) John Heliker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1834.  
Wm. H. Bull Clerk of Steuben Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated August 3, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Hilliker, born in Westchester County, New York, and whether he served as sergeant or captain.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.16149, based upon the military service of John Heliker during the War of the Revolution.

John Heliker, as his signature is found in the claim, was born November 20, 1758 in Westchester County, New York; the names of his parents are not given. When about four years of age, he moved to Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, from there to Stanford, Dutchess County, and then returned to Westchester County, where he was living the early part of the Revolution.

He served early in 1776 about three days as teamster and hauled flour from "Matty VanBenscotens Mills to the Academy" which was then occupied as a hospital. He enlisted in July, 1776, served a little over three months in Captain John Brinkerhoff's company, Colonel Wycoff's New York regiment, and served in 1777, about four months under the same officers. He moved in 1780 to Washington, Dutchess County, New York, and was called out on an alarm under Captain Samuel Smith, in this service about four days.

He moved about the year 1811 to Clinton, New York, from there to Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, then to Scipio, Cayuga County, New York, thence to Jasper, Steuben County, New York.

The soldier, John Heliker, was allowed pension on his application executed February 6, 1834, then living in Jasper, New York. He was pensioned for service as a private. There is no reference to his service as either Sgt or Capt.

The soldier died August 17, 1842. There are no data in this claim pertaining to the family of John Heliker.