

Pension Application for Francis Hendricks, (or Hendrick, Henry Francis)

R.4879 Hannah Dewitt widow of Adam Dewitt.

State of New York

County of Schoharie SS.

On this eight[h] day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Marvin Judd one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County Francis Hendricks a resident of the Town of Blenheim in the County of Schoharie & State of New York aged eighty 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served has herein stated—

That he resided in the Town of Rhinebeck County of Dutchess & state of New York was drafted in the month of December 1775 & served three months in Capt. Peter Westfalls Company, Col. Sutherlands Regmt, under Brigadier Genl TenBroeck on the 25th December marched to New York was stationed there – at Harlem & at Kingsbridge was an Orderly Sergeant was often sent out on scouting parties—was discharged at New York—

In May 1776 joined the company under Capt. Westfall & went to Woodstock Ulster County at an alarm of the Tories & Indians took severaltories prisoners & brought them to Poughkeepsie & then marched to Rinebeck [Rhinebeck] having been absent seventeen days .

In August same year joined the company under Capt Willson marched to Fort Montgomery & Fort Constitution & was six weeks in Garrison.

In 1777 marched again under Capt Willson too New York at the time British landed on Long Island was stationed about twelve miles from New York on East River then kept Guard and crossed river to Long Island at the time the enemy burnt some houses—

From thence marched to Croton River Town of North Castle Westchester County where was stationed two or three weeks to guard a bridge & from thence returned to Rhinebeck was absent about three weeks in a few days after about 1st Novr marched again under Capt. Willson for New York or Kingsbridge on the way had encounter with twelve light horse[?] Kill'd one horse & took one prisoner—was stationed 5 or 6 days at Valentine Hill assisted in storming what was called the [?] Fort was dispatched on a Scouting party under Ensign Ely who was killed & three privates after a few days was detached on another scout six miles from Kingsbridge had five men killed of our party—British at this time lay in New York. Was discharged at Kingsbridge part of March –

In May 1778 was Call'd upon to go to Nine Partners to take some tories. Succeeded – took them to a [?] ship at the WalleKill near Esopus, was in service two weeks at this time—at the time the enemy burnt Esopus joined the army under Genl Putnam & served one month until the enemy were driven back—again joined the army under Capt Samuel Damage or Demitch & served three months—was on duty as West

Point in Stretching the Chevauxdefrieze [chevaux-de-frise] [?] the river & erecting the fortified [?] there—

In 1780 was again called upon & acted under David VanNess of the Commmiss'y Department & employed in transporting during the winter, from Albany & Salisbury [CL?] provisions & munitions of war.

Also in 1781 in the winter was employed in transporting ammuniton & provisions for the army at the Highlands during the last two years was in service three months in each year was well acquainted with Col. Graham & Major Fish.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he was born in the Town of Rinebeck [Rhinebeck] County of Dutchess & State of New York.

That he has a record of his age.

That Colba Reed, Gilbert Cornwell, Peter Brewers & N. P. Tyler & Harmon Moon residing in the neighborhood can testify as to my character for truth & veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he recollects of receiving one or two discharges which are lost from the lapse of time.

That the Court of Common Pleas of the said seat at Schoharie twenty four miles distant from his place of residence & that he is unable by reason of bodily infirmity to attend the said court. (Signed) Francis Hendricks

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Marvin Judd a Judge of Schoharie County.