

Pension Application for David Hendry

W.3990 (Widow: Selina) Married July 26, 1786. David was born January 19, 175[7?] and he died February 10, 1827.

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 Ohio

Ashtabula County SS.

On this fourth day of November AD 1839 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas sitting in and for the County of Ashtabula, Selina Hendry a resident of Harpersfield in said County aged seventy one 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 widows".—

That she is the widow of David Henry whow as a musician (fifer) in Captain Fink's Company of "New York Levies"—

That he enlisted in the month of April 1776 (believed to be on the 24th day of April 1776) as a musician for the term of nine months and marched to Albany:--

That he served the said period of nine months and was honorably discharged. That at the period of his enlistment as aforesaid he was a resident of Harpersfield Delaware County (then Tryon County) in said State of New York.

That the company of Capt Fink it is believed belonged to the Regiment of Col. VanSkoick or Col. Gansworth; but from the length of time that has elapsed, it is impossible to say with certainty which;, or whether the above is the exact spelling of either name.

That soon after his discharge above mentioned and return[ed] to Harpersfield the inhabitants were in such continual danger from the incursions of the Tories & Indians, that they armed and were organized into companies or squads and were enrolled in what was called the "everyday alarm list"—and that said David Hendry was a member of one of said squads.

That in August 1777, Capt. McDaniel with a body of Tories and Indians made a descent upon the inhabitants of Harpersfield, taking a number of prisoners and among whom was the said David Hendry who a short time afterwards escaped from the enemy and returned to Harpersfield.

That afterwards the danger became so great that the inhabitants of Harpersfield took refuge in the Fort at Schoharie in the Spring of 1778, and that upon the burning of Cobleskill in May of that year the said David Hendry was one of a detachment sent out from said Fort to assist in burying the dead.

That soon after his return from that service he was sent out to reconnoiter the enemy then lying in force in Charlotte River, which service he performed to the satisfaction of the officer in command of said fort. This service he performed in company with Mr. Wm. Stephens since deceased.

That from the great length of time which has not intervned she cannot now satisfactorily determine the exact length of time that the said David was engaged in

the service of his country subsequent to the period of his discharge at Albany in the Spring of 1777, but from the best information she can obtain, as well as from the statements of the said David Hendry while living she believes it to have been not less than fifteen months, exclusive of the nine months that he served in the Northern part of New York in the company of Capt. Fink as above stated.

That while in Capt. Fink's Company he marched to Fort George and was there, as she has been informed and believes during some part of the winter of 1776 '7.

She further declares that she was married to the said David Hendry at Harpersfield in the State of New York on the twenty sixth day of July in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty six. That her husband the aforesaid David Hendry died on the tenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

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.

She further states that she has no documentary evidence to prove the services of the said David Henry. (Signed with her mark) Selina Hendry

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year above written.
Attest Saml Hendry Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 27, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.3390 based upon the military service in that war of David Hendry.

David Hendry was born January 19, 1754. The place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown in the papers in the pension claim. It was stated that his father "came from Ireland".

David Hendry enlisted in Harpersfield, Tryon (later Delaware) County, New York, April 24, 1776, and served nine months as a fifer in captain Finck's company, Colonel VanSchaick and Gansevoort's New York Regiment: after the termination of this services, he was called out at various times on alarms and served on short tours under Captain Alexander [blot] and Colonel John Harper in the New York Troops; was once taken prisoner but made his escape; entire length of this last service about fifteen months.

In 1783 and 1784, he resided in Waterbury, Connecticut, but in April 1784 returned to Harpersfield, New York.

He died February 10, 1827, in Harpersfield, Astabula County, Ohio.

The soldier married July 26, 1786, at Harpersfield, New York, Selina Hotchkins, who was born November 7, 1786, the names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Selina, was allowed pension on his application executed November 4, 1838, while residing in Harpersfield, Ohio.

The names of the following children of David and Selina Hendry are shown:
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Samuel Hendry born February 18, 1788, died February 10, 1794.

Polly Hendry born January 10, 1790, died Feb 18th 1794.

Hannah Hendry was born January 8th 1792, died March 17th 1794.

Betsey Ann Hendry was born Sept. 3rd 1802, died Sept. 28 1804.

Saml Hendry 2d was born October 15th 1794

Polly Hendry 2d was born June 12th 1797.

Hannah Hendry 2d was born June 16th 1799.

Betsey Ann Hendry was born March 15, 1805

William Hendry was born October 7th 1807.

Four children survived their mother, Salina, namely, Hannah Webster, Betsey Ann Gleason?, Samuel and William Hendry. In 1840, sons Samuel was residing in Jefferson, Ashtabula County, Ohio, and in 1851, son William was residing in same county.

Two brothers of the soldier were referenced, Thomas and James Hendry. Thomas was a member of the [blot] from 1776 to 1777, Thomas and James were killed by a party of Indians under the command of Captain Brant on April 8, 1780 at Harpersfield, New York, and were buried in that county. One John Hendry was taken prisoner at the same time, carried to Canada and died there, no relationship of John Hendry to the family was shown.

In 1840, the widow's sister, Mary A. Prentice, made affidavit in Harpersfield, Ohio, in support of her sister's claim for pension.

In 1839, one Samuel Hendry was clerk of the court for Ashtabula County, Ohio; no relationship to the family was shown.

There are no further family data.