

Pension Application for Henry House

W21383

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On this Fourteenth day of September 1838, personally appeared before the Circuit Court of the Fifth Circuit Nancy House, a resident of Springfield in said County of Otsego, aged seventy years, who being 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 Henry House, who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he served in Capt Gross (1) and Capt House (2) Company for a more particular description reference may be had to the Evidence in the War Department, that the said Henry House was an applicant for a pension.

That this deponant received the same from the 4th March 1831 to the 5th day of June 1834. The day of his death under the [sic, act] of 1832. She further declares that she was Married to the said Henry House on the Fifteenth day of February (1789) Seventeen Hundred & Eighty Nine; That her husband the aforesaid Henry House died on the Fifth (5) day of June (1834) Eighteen Hundred and Thirty four, That she was not Married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the Marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen Hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written Before me in open court. (Signed with her mark) Nancy House.

Jesse Rose Clerk.

I certify that from age and infirmity Nancy House the foregoing applicant is unable to write her name and therefore makes her mark. Jesse Rose, Clerk

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On the fiveteenth [sic fifteenth] day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Otsego now sitting Henry House of the Town of Springfield in County of Otsego State of New York aged Sixty Seven years of age who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth mak[e] the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passeth June the Seventh 1832 that he Entered the Servise [service] of the United States under the following Officers and served as herein stated.

This deponant further states that he was born in the now town of Minden Montgomery County State of New York that he has no Record of his age but says from Information that he was born the Seventh day of April 1765.

This deponant further saith that at the age of Sixteen years of age he Enlisted in the war of the Revolution at Fort plank then the Town of Conojohary [Canajohaire] County of Tryon now the town of Minden this Enlistment took place Early in the Spring of the year 1781 as this deponent has Reason to believe from Circumstances at Fort plank aforesaid and Enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Lawrence Gross under the Amediate [immediate] Command of Colonel Marinus Willett this deponent further saith that after being Enlisted as aforesaid and passeth Muster he was ordered to fort plain [Fort Plain] from thence to Fort Windecker Thon [Then] at that fort I was stationed to quart [guard] and Stoud Centry [Stood Sentry] on Stouts [sic, scouts] &c here we Remained and Served as aforesaid untill sometime in the fall of said year

and more particularly until the Battle at Johnstown (3) now Montgomery County and and [sic] also the taking of Butler at the West Canaday [Canada] Creek (4).

This deponent further saith that he was in the aforementioned battle at Johnstown aforesaid that he Arrived there shortly before the Battle Commenced and that he this deponent was Engaged thruout [throughout] the whole of said Battle and in the morning of the next day I went in pursuit of said Butler, and was present at the taking of said Butler, and saw his dead body lay on the ground with his Sculp [scalp] of [off] and was nakit [naked].

This deponent further saith that after the Battle aforesaid I Remained [sic, Remained] a short time at Fort Windecker from there to Fort House from there to Fort Tayton [Dayton] from thence Fort Herkimer and so on from place to place thence to fort Herkimer again there Received my discharge this discharge was a Letter sent by Capt Lawrence [Gross to the Commanding officers Reminding this Fort to discharge me and those that had Enlisted, is crossed out] Gross to the officers commanding this fort to discharge me others who enlisted the same time this Ended my nine Months term of enlistment.

This deponent further says that during this aforesaid Enlistment I was commanded by the following Officers to wit at the Battle of Johnstown I was commanded by Colonel Marinus Willet, Capt Lawrence Gross, Capt Putman (3) at other places Lieutenant Saltkill (6) Lieutenant Hutton(7), Capt Lawrence Gross &c.

This deponent further saith that he rendered services to the United States in the war of the Revolution one whole summer season at Fort plank the year previous to the above Enlistment this was Malitia [Militia] Servise [Service] and during which time I rendered no other Servise did no other Business Employed [employed] at no other Kind of work then to Guard stand Centry and go on scouts this Servise I rendered under the Amediate command of Major Coopman (8) Capt House Lieutenant Miller (9), this Summer Season Servise amounted to as this deponent believes to Six months actual Servise.

This deponant [deponent] further saith that the year after my aforesaid Enlsitment thinks in the year 1782 I Rendered Servises to the United States in the War of the Revolution as a Malitia man in fort plank as aforesaid this Sersice I commenced Early in the the [sic] Spring of said year under the command of Capt House & Major Coopman and I continued my Servise as aforementioned in Guarding said fort standing centry and going on Scouts at different times and different directions this Summer Season was the princible [principle] part almost wholly Employed in the Servise of the Fort and going on Scouts as aforesaid and that I rendered no other Servise the who[le] Summer Season then in defence of my Country and obeyed the orders of my officers as above stated this Servise amounted to Six Months actual Servise, this deponant further saith all the Servises he done during the war of the Revolution Amounted to no less than one year & Nine months actual Servise and further says not—

This deponent further says that he was born in the now Town of Minden on the Seventh day April 1765.

Says that he has no Record of his age.

Says that he Resided when he Entered the Servise at Fort plank since the War Ended in the now Town of Danube Herkimer County from there to Springfield to my present place of Residence.

Says that he never was drafted never was a volunteer nor a Substitute.

Says the officers under which I served are the following to wit Colonel Marinus Willet, Capt Lawrence Gross, Capt Putnam, Lieutenant Saltkill, Major Coopman, Capt House &c.

Never Received any written discharge.

Says the following persons Reside in my Amediate neighbourhood who can testify to Character for veracity and their belief of my Servise as a soldier in the war of the Revolution to wit Geo. House, John Dusler, Jacob Young, Joakim VanValkenburgh, John Allen.

This deponant further saith that he never Received any annuity or pension under any law of the United States providing for the Revolutionary officers and soldiers Hereby Relinquish Every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Rool [roll] of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the 17th day of October 1832. (Signed) Henrich Haus
Horace Lathrop Clerk.

End Notes—W.21383—Henry House [Hendrick Haus]

1. Henry enlisted as a private on May 22, 1781 in Captain Lawrence Gross's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. He was discharged on December 31, 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Jost [Joseph] House was commissioned Captain on March 4, 1780 of the Sixth Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. "*Conejoherie 1781. Th[e] Number of Days that the officers and man [sic, men] of my Company of Milit[i]a has been on duty since the 28 of July Last 1780 to the 28 of May 1781*", lists Henrich Haus for 28 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C. On "*A Recipt [Receipt Roll] of Captn Joseph house his Company in Lieutenand [Lieutenant] Collo Samuel Clyds Reghmend of Militia in the District of Canajohary*" gives Henrich Haus Certificate no. 10966 for £ 0.8.10. Same roll and folder as above.
3. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781.
4. The Skirmish at West Canada Creek where Captain Walter Butler was killed was fought on October 30, 1781.
5. Captains Garret Putman and Lawrence Gross were both appointed on April 27, 1781 in Willett's Regiment.
6. Isaac Saulkill (Salkill) was also appointed on April 27, 1781 in Willett's Regiment and was assigned to Captain Anthony Whelp's Company.
7. Timothy Hutton was appointed on April 27, 1781 and assigned to Captain Gross's Company.
8. Abraham Copeman was appointed captain on August 26, 1775 of the sixth Company in Colonel Nicholas Herkimer's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. On October 19, 1779, Copeman was promoted to first major.
9. This name might be a mistake as there was not a Lieutenant Miller in the First Tryon or he was referring to Sergeant John Miller of Captain House's Company. The company officers of Captain House's Company were as follows: Jacob Snyder as the first lieutenant, Abraham Arndt as the second lieutenant and Hendrick Walrath as the ensign.