

Pension Application for Henry Loucks

S.45899

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the 16th day of April A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said county, personally appeared Henry Loucks aged fifty eight years of the Town of Manheim in said county, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. That he the said Henry Loucks enlisted as a private soldier in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Swarthout (1) in the year 1776 in a regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevoort in the New York Line and served under the above named officers for some time (how long this deponent being young at that time does not precisely recollect) but was afterwards taken from Colonel Gansevoorts Regiment and put into Colonel Van Schaicks (2) Regiment and served the same time in Capt. George Sises (3) Company and served under the last mentioned officers against the common enemy until the end of the Revolutionary War and rec'd a regular discharge from his commander Colonel Van Schaick in the State of New York but his discharge this deponent saith has been burnt up by resident that it is now out of his power to procure it and that the whole time of his service in the Continental establishment was nearly seven years—that he was in the battle at Fort Stanwicks in the year 1777 (4) & that he was with General Sullivan (5) in his campaign in pursuit of the Indians under Captain Swarthout (6) and that he was in the battle at the taking General Cornwallis (7)—that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, that he was discharged from service on the 6th day of June 1783.

State of New York

Lewis County SS.

On this first day of January in the year 1822 personally appeared in open court to sit in the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Lewis the same being a court of record in and for said County proceeding according to the course of the Common Law with a jurisdiction intimated [unlimited] in point of account keeping a record of its proceedings and possessing a seal, Henry Loucks aged sixty four years being a resident of the Town of Lowville in said county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he the said Henry Loucks enlisted for the term of the ___ Revolutionary War in the month of May or June in the year 1775 at Rome In the State of New York as a private in the company commanded by Captain Cornelius Swarthout (8) in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Peter Gansvoort in the line of the State of new York on the Continental Establishment that after he the said Henry Loucks enlisted as aforesaid a consolidation of the regiments took place when he the said Henry Loucks was attached to a company commanded by Captain George Sytez in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Van Schaick, and that he the said Henry Loucks continued to serve in the said corps as such private until the close of the said war when he received an honorable discharge in the year 1783 at Peekskill in the State of New York that the date of his original declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 on the 16th day of April 1818 and that the number of the pension certificate which he has under the said act is 6991 and the said Henry Loucks doth solemnly swear that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that he has not since that time by gift, sale,

or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service; of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that he has not nor has any Persons in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

Schedule

Real estate none either in law or Equity—Personal Estate (necessary clothing and Bedding Excepted)

1 cow	\$16.00
1 sheep	1.25
1 tea kettle	1.00
3 cups and saucers	6
1 iron kettle	1.50
1 Do pot	.75
1 table	.25
4 chairs	1.00
2 pails	.75
1 Porcilin Basin	.25
1 tin	.12
2 wooden ?	.50
3 knives and 3 forks	.25
4 spoons	.25
1 pt [pint] cup	.12
1 tea pot	.18
1 churn	.25
1 pr [pair] tongs	.50
1 Bowl	.50
1 wash tub	.50
1 pig	.50
1 Frying pan	.25
\$26.73	

(Signed with his mark) Henry Loucks

And the said Henry Loucks further saith and that he is by occupation a farmer and that by reason of his age and infirmities can perform but little and that he is unable to supply himself and family by his labour; that his family consists of himself, Eve Loucks his wife aged 58 years and David Loucks his son aged 13 years which is the whole number of his family residing with him that his wife is very feeble and has been for twenty years last past, and is some able to perform her ordinary house work that his Son is as smart as Boys usually are at his age.

(Signed with his mark) Henry Loucks

Sworn to and declared on the 1st day of Jany 1822 before the said court.

Clerks Office

Lewis County SS

I Edward Baneroft clerk of the court in said county do hereby testify, that the foregoing oath (or affirmation) and the schedule thereto annexed an jusly copied from the record of the

said court; and I do further testify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is twenty six 73/100 dollars—in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on this 15th day of February 1822. Edward Baneroft Clk.

Christian Casselman of the Town of Manheim in said county being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that he is well acquainted with the within named Henry Loucks and that he did serve as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War that he saw him frequently while in the service of the United States that he belonged to same regiment with him commanded by Colonel Van Schaick (as near as he can recollect about three years).

(Signed with his mark) Christian Cossleman

Sworn before me the day and year aforesaid. Daniel Hurlbut

The within named Henry Loucks further saith that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services (Signed with his mark) Henry Loucks

I Daniel Hurlbut Judge of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Henry Loucks did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy and I now transmit the proceeding and testimony taken and had before me to the secretary for the department of war pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of congress this 16th day of April 1818. Daniel Hurlbut.

Letter in the pension folder, dated February 6, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.45899 it appears that Henry Loucks enlisted in Rome, New York in 1776, served as a private in Captain Swartwout's Company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York Regiment was at the battle of Fort Stanwix, also in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition; was transferred to Captain George Sytez's Company, Colonel Van Schaick's New York Regiment, was at the taking of Cornwallis and was discharged June 6, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818, while a resident of Manheim, Herkimer County New York. In 1822, he was aged about sixty-four years and residing in Lowville, Lewis County, New York. He stated that the only members of his family then residing with him were his wife Eve aged fifty-eight years, her maiden name not given, and son David aged thirteen years.

There are no further data relative to family.

This is the history of the only soldier named Henry Loucks, or other spelling, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

End Notes—S.45899—Henry Loucks

1. Henry enlisted as a private for "during war" on March 13, 1777 in Captain Abraham Swartwout's Fourth Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
2. On January 1, 1781 the Continental Army was re-organized. There were many supernumary officers in the regiments which means they had more officers than enlisted men. Many regiments were consolidated into one. Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment was consolidated with Gansevoort's Regiment. VanSchaick being the senior colonel retained the command of the First New York. Those officers losing their commissions or were given a lower rank were said to have been "deranged".

3. Henry who was serving "during war" was transferred to Captain George Sytes' Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 14, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Siege of Fort Schuyler alias Fort Stanwix (British name) was from August 3rd to 22nd of 1777.
5. Major General John Sullivan and Brigadier General James Clinton after joining forces marched against the Iroquois Indian Villages in the western part of New York State and destroyed the villages and their crops. One major battle was fought on August 29, 1779 at Newtown, now Elmira, New York.
6. Captain Swartwout was discharged or resigned from the regiment in May of 1778 and was not part of the Third New York after that time. Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett actually took command of the company.
7. The Siege of Yorktown, Virginia was from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
8. Henry is mistaken. Captain-Lieutenant Cornelius Swartwout was in Captain Andrew Moody's Company of the Second Continental Artillery Regiment. Captain Moody's Company was stationed at Fort Montgomery and Cornelius was taken prisoner on October 6, 1777 and remained a prisoner until December 17, 1780.

Death Notice for Henry Loucks

At Stone Arabia, in the town of Palatine, County of Montgomery, on the 25th of May last, after a short illness, in the 88th year of his age, Mr. Henry Loucks, a person of unblemished reputation. He was born in this State, of pious parents, and was among the earliest settlers in Stone Arabia — Being brought tip from his youth in the principles of the Christian religion, he became at an early period of his life a member of the German reformed church, and as such continued unformily a faithful an zealous supporter of it until he was called to a better home. Pew persons, both by nature and habit, led a more peaceable, sober and exemplary life — That he "wronged no one" was his ambition, and a principle to which he adhered with scrulous exactness. As a testimony of respect to the memory of the deceased, and an expression of grief for departed worth, the most numerous concourse of relatives and acquaintances ever witnessed on a similar occassion in that part of the country, attended his funeral.

(Mss 3-41, Henry Vorees Account Book, used by Betsey Reynolds Vorees as a scrap book, Montgomery County Historical Society, Newspaper clipping on p. 39, No date or name of paper)