

Pension Application for Andrew Lovejoy

S.13790

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On the seventeenth day of July in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in the County aforesaid now sitting Andrew Lovejoy a resident of the City of Hudson in the County aforesaid aged Seventy two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the month of December in the year 1760 in the Town of NobleTown, (Now Hillsdale) in the County and State aforesaid that he volunteered for five months under Capt. James Spencer under Colonel Teneyck and Lieutenant Colonel VanDuyck volunteered at Hillsdale aforesaid marched from thence to Albany in said state, from thence to Fort Edward & from thence to Lake George from thence a part of the Regiment was removed to Fort Ann of which this deponent was one from thence to Gray in Rensselaer County then to Bemisses Heights (now Stillwater) this service commenced in the spring of 1777 and lasted five months was then told by General Scuyler that [Schuyler] that he might go home and did so it being late in the Fall.

In the year 1778 or 1779 again enlisted in a company of Rangers commanded by Ezekiel Cooper Capt. Jasper, ___Fulmore was Lieutenant and Martin Ray ensign the company was enlisted for a life Guard for old Governor Clinton enlisted at Hillsdale in the County aforesaid this company was stationed as the old Court House in Pokeepsie Dutchess County and State of New York and was employed to Ranger about the County in that District enlisted early in the spring and remained there until late in the winter when he was suffered to return home being about Five Months.

Again volunteered at the Town of Hillsdale in the latter part of August or the first of Sept for the term of Three months under Capt Joshua Whiteny Colonel [blank] Waterman and went to Fishkill in Dutchess County and remained then three months and was discharged.

Again volunteered at Hillsdale in the County aforesaid under Capt. Danl Salsbury Colonel Olden, went to Cherry Valley and remained there one months—again Enlisted under Capt. Aaron Hale as a substitute for Jabez Rawley went to Schoharie in Schoharie County & state aforesaid and remained there two months at this was in an engagement with the Indians a man in said company by the name of Sackett & two others were killed & scalped by the Indians.

That he again enlisted in the spring of the year of 1780 in New Canaan in the County of Columbia aforesaid in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Brown in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Harper that a short time after he had enlisted in the aforesaid company and regiment he was by some arrangement made between the officers permitted to enlist in the company of Capt. Dunscomb in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weiserfelt that he continued to serve in the said Companies

&b Regiments until the time of his service excuded? By about ten days the time for which he had enlisted which was nine months when he was regularly discharged but he cannot now say what has become of his discharge he was discharged at Fort Plain in the State of New York that he was one of the Guard first chosen at the execution of Major Andre but was finally superceded by some other as was all the guard first Chosen but remained at the Execution immediately after Colonel Brown was killed on the Mohawk River this deponent was marched from West Point to on his way to Fort Stanwix but before his arrival at the fort he was discahrg'd.

This deponent further says he has no documentary evidence except the annex'd certificate of John Snowden made before William P. Van Ness Esqr who was then a Judge of the United States Court said affidavit as will appear was dated at Kinderhook on the 27th of October 1818 when this deponent farther says he has no living witness that he can produce and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Andrew Lovejoy

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 27, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that this Bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution, unless a claim for pension, or bounty land has been made on account of his services and a careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file for a Benjamin Lovejoy.

You are herewith furnished the history of the only Andrew Lovejoy found on said records.

From the papers in the pension claim, S.13790, it appears that Andrew Lovejoy was born in December 1760, at Nobletown (later called Hillsdale) Columbia County, New York and enlisted there and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

From the spring of 1777, for five months, in Captain James Spencer's Company, Colonel Ten Eyck's Regiment.

In 1778 or 1779, for ten months, in Captain Ezekiel Cooper's Company of Rangers.

For three months in Captain Joshua Whitney's Company Colonel Waterman's Regiment: for one month in Captain Daniel Salsbury's Company, Colonel Alden's Regiment: for two months in Captain Aaron Hale's Company, and was in an engagement at Schoharie. Dates of these services not given.

From the spring of 1780 for nine months and ten days, in Captain Thomas Brown's Company, Colonel Harper's Regiment and in Captain Dunscomb's Company, Colonel Weisenfelt's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 17, 1832, while living at Hudson, Columbia County, New York. He died November 9, 1836.

There is not data on file as to family.