

Pension Application for Henry Myer

W.20270 (Widow: Anna) Henry died June 17, 1813.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twenty sixth of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the Ulster County Courts in and for said County of Ulster personally appeared Anna Myers a resident of the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty four 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 the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Henry or Hendrick Myers who in the revolutionary war resided in the town of Redhook County of Dutches[s] and as she now believes was a private soldier more or less every year from the beginning [beginning] to the end of the war which she thinks in all would amount to more than two years; which according to the best of her present recollection are as follows, viz. ;l She and the said Henry Myers lived near neighbors in said town of Redhook and was personally acquainted with some of the officers of the Militia Company to which the said Henry Myers belonged.

The first Captain was David VanNess who was afterwards called general, the next Captain of said Company was Andrew Heermans and Cornelius Elmendorf was Lieutenant or Ensign.

The first service the said Henry Myers was engaged in [sic] was in the Summer of the year of 1776 when he was drafted in a company commanded by Captain Hermans in a Regiment commanded by Col. Morris Graham for the term of five months and was stationed at different places in the neighborhood of New York, Kingsbridge, and Whiteplains saw the battle at the last mentioned place, and continued ins aid corps in said service until at the end of the said term of five months he was duly discharged and returned home.

She further declares that the next service the said Henry Myers was engaged was in the same year Burgoine was captured & thinks he was drafted for the term of at least three months the names of the officers of the company she does not distinctly recollect—but thinks it was either Captain Hermans or Captain Klum and the Regiment she believes was again commanded by Col. Graham and were stationed in the vicinity of Stillwater untill after the Surrender of General Burgoins and were duly discharged and returned home after an absence of three months or more:—

She further declares that the said Henry Myers was several times called out in short tours during the revolutionary war both by drafts and whole Regiment on alarms sometimes for a few days and other times for a month or less and were sometimes scouting the Country in pursuit of Tories and at other times stationed at some place on the East Side of the Hudson River guarding the Powder house in his neighborhood or Military Stores belonging to the American Army and were sometimes commanded by a Captain, Lieutenant or Ensign detached from some of the companys of the

Regiment to her present recollection – said services would in all amount to five or six months.

She further declares that he was afterwards drafted or volunteered for the term as she now believes of eight months and was stationed on the West Side of the Hudson River to protect the inhabitants of Ulster County against the Indians and Tories from the Province of Canada and continued in said service until late in the fall of the same year they were enlisted and were duly discharged and returned home but names of the Officers under which he served she has no distinct recollection but believes the captain's name was Pawling. She further declares that the foregoing statement is all she can at present recollect of the services of the said Henry Myers and which she believes is less than the amount of service performed by him during the revolutionary war.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry or Hendrick Myers on the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two that the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Cox Clergyman of the German Reformed Church of said town of Redhook, and that her maiden name previous to her marriage was Anna Riesdorf.--

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took previous took previous [sic] to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

She further declares that her husband the aforesaid Henry Myers died in the town of Coxakie [Coxsackie] County of Greene on the seventeenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed:--

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence nor does she know of any living witness to prove the services of her said husband and that eh annexed copy of the record of the Baptism of two of her children is the only record evidence she has been able to procure to prove her marriage and which she believes is correct!
(Signed with her mark) Anna Myer

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me. Jacob Snyder Judge &c.