

Pension Application for Henry Paddock

R.7854

State of New York
Oneida County SS.

On this 23d day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Judge of the court of Common Pleas of Oneida County Henry Paddock a resident of said county and state, aged eighty & upwards years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That he was born at now town Beekman Dutchess County, NY 10 Nov. 1751. No record of age—Resided at Lansingburgh NY when he enlisted Service. Since war has lived in Rensselaer Co., NY—Montgomery Co., NY and now at Vienna Oneida Co., NY.—On 15 January 1776 (1), Volunteered to go to Johnstown Montgomery, with five hundred sleighs loaded with volunteers to take Sir John Johnston [Sir John Johnson]—British and Indians surrendered—about 1,000 Indians as said—does not remember who had command this expedition—was engaged in this service about One Month. In Nov. 1776 went to Fort Ann under Capt. Christopher Tillman. (2) Col Stephen Schuyler's Regt—Floris Bonker Major. (3) Genl Abram TenBroeck (4)—was said to have command though not present at Fort Ann—and continued in service there two months. In July 1777 was again at Fort Ann under Capt. Henry Tinker (5) and a Captain Jacob Defreest (6) was there also—and same colonel and major as in 1776 and served then about one month. And during the rest of the year 1777 for about ten months was out constantly as a scout and minute man for almost every day—So much so that though a blacksmith by trade he never lighted his fires for the whole ten months. In 1778 went to Schoharie at CobleKill (7) at time Butler & Indians were destroying the inhabitants and served from three to five weeks. In 1779 was at Fort Hunter as a soldier again for one month—on the Schoharie Creek—this deponent stood as a minute man during the war and never to his recollection refused to go when called upon which was very often as he lived in the neighborhood where the excursions of the Indians were very frequent—and Tories very troublesome. His whole service would exceed Three Years—he has no witness to prove his services except his wife and refers to annexed affidavits of his neighbors.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Henry Paddock.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [?] Stoddard

End Notes—R.7854—Henry Paddock

1. Major General Philip Schuyler with the Albany County Militia marched to Caughnawaga, Tryon County (now the Village of Fonda, Montgomery County) in January of 1776. He met the Tryon County Militia under the Chief Colonel Nicholas Herkimer. This means Herkimer was the Senior Colonel of the Tryon County Militia. Sir John Johnson, the son of the late Sir William Johnson, who was now living at Johnson Hall, Johnstown was arming his tenants and threatening those who were embracing the American Cause with imprisonment or death. Sir John as a result of this assembly of nearly 1,000 man army of militia, signed a parole not to act in a harmful way to the American Government. His tenants also surrendered their arms.
2. Christopher Tillman a Captain under Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler of the Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
3. Floris Bancker, Second Major of the Sixth Albany.
4. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck, Commanded the Albany County Militia Brigade.
5. Henry Denker (Dinker, Tinker, etc.) served as a Captain in the Sixth Albany.
6. Cobleskill was destroyed on May 30, 1778 by Captain Joseph Brant. John Butler nor Walter Butler were involved.