

Pension Application for Henry Romer

S.43965

Original Claim. Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list under the act of the 18th March 1818.

County of Westchester SS.

On this twenty eighth day of May in the year 1827 personally appeared in open court being a court of record in and for the County of Westchester Henry Romer resident in said County aged seventy five years on the 14th day of June next who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Henry Romer enlisted for the term of nine months on or about the first day of July in the year 1775 in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Ambrose Horton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holmes (his Christian name not now recollected by the declarant) in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until on or about the first day of April in the year 1776 when he was discharged from the service in the province of Canada in North America that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except the State of New York and the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit that he hath already made two applications for a pension the first of which was made in the year 1819 but that he hath not been enabled to obtain any information with respect to their fate, that his is still desirous of obtaining a pension more particularly by reason (in addition to the infirmities incident to his advanced age) of his being to lame as to be utterly unable to support himself without the aid of public or private charity.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof saith intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust of me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained to the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

That since the 18th day of March 1818 no changes have been made in my property so far as relates to the value of quantity thereof. Sworn to and declared on the 28th day of May 1827 in open court before me. (Signed with his mark) Henry Romer

N. Bates Clk.

Schedule of all the property real and person in possession reversion and remainder in law or equity of Henry Romer, Viz.

One cow, one bed and bedding, half dozen old chairs, two chests, one dozen dishes one table, one wheel, one reel, one small looking glass—shovel and tongs, tea kettle, two small kettles & griddle. The above enumerated articles being of about the value of forty dollars.

The declarant by occupation a farmer but not able to work in consequence of Lameness produced by the Rheumatism, has living with him his wife Rachel aged 71 years very infirm not able to support herself and a son by name of Henry 35 years of age not able to contribute to support of the declarant his family requiring his exertions to support them. (Signed with his mark) Henry Romer.

Letter in folder dated November 19, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension; claim S.43965 it appears that Henry Romer was born June 14, 1752, place not stated.

He enlisted July 1, 1775, served as a private in Captain Ambrose Horton's company, Colonel Holmes' New York Regiment and was discharged April 1, 1776. He enlisted in Westchester County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 28, 1827 while a resident of Cortland, Westchester County, New York. In 1827 he referred to his wife who was then aged seventy-one years, named Rachel, and to his son Henry aged thirty-five years. In 1830 he was living in Phillips, Putnam County, New York