

Pension Application for Henry Sitts

S.42297

State of New York
Montgomery County

On the Fourteenth day of December 1830 appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery in said State being a court of Record for said county being made for in express terms by the Statute creating it, Henry Sitts resident in said county and Seventy Six years and upwards who being who being first duly sworn according to law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818. And of the first of May 1820. That in the month of March or April 1776 he enlisted in the State of New York in the Company Commanded by Captain Getman (1) in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Gansevort (2) in the New York Line of Continental troops on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in Said Corps until the month of August 1777, when he was honorably discharged at what is now Palatine in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name has not been placed on the pension list, that in the month of September 1818 this deponent made a declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Law of the 18th of March 1818 which is hereto annexed. Marked (A) and at that time procured the affidavit on John Bockus which is hereto annexed. Marked (B) but at that time this deponent had a little personal property and was able to labour and this deponent supposed that the amount of the property he then had and his ability to labour might prevent his obtaining a pension under said act and he did not then go on with it. The expending and loss of the property which he then had and his increasing years and infirmities and inability to labour, now renders a pension absolutely necessary for the support of this deponent.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 with 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 for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the eighteenth day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property viz.

Description of property owned on 18th March 1818	Names of Persons whom disposed of	Time of Sale	Amt of Money or description of property rec'd in return
One Cow	Adam Kesler	1822 March	\$13.00 on a debt I owed him
One other Cow	George Sitts	1822 March	Paid in board I am not agreed on

A quantity of household furniture consisting of kettles and dishes, bedding, clothing which I then owned. I have since given and distributed among my nine girls upon my wife's death in June 1823. The whole net worth more than \$60 or \$70.

I have no other property on the 18th of March 1818 nor have I owned or had any since. Sworn and declared the 14th day of December 1830, in open court. Real estate None, Personal Estate none whatever, except my clothing. Henry Sitts (signed)A.J. Comrie Clerk

I owe John Warner of Minden, Montgomery County Merchant for goods, about fourteen dollars. I owe also Moris Graves of Springfield Otsego County a NY Physician for doctor's bills about \$5.50. The occupation of the declarant Henry Sitts is that of a farmer but owing to his old age, he is unable to pursue it and never expects to be. He has no family, has fourteen children alive on whom he is entirely dependant for support. Henry Sitts.

Sworn in open court the 14th of December 1830. A. J. Comrie, Clerk

End Notes—S.42297—Henry Sitts or Suts, Sutes, Suts, Sit, Seats, etc.

1. Henry's name is not on the muster or payroll of Captain Christian Getman's Second company of Tryon County Rangers, only a Johannes Sutes appears on the rolls. This company was formed in August of 1776

and it was discharged on March 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 103, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. Peter Gansevoort in 1776 was serving under Colonel Goose VanSchick in an un-numbered New York Continental Regiment. Gansevoort for most of this time at Fort George near Lake George. On November 21, 1776, Gansevoort was appointed Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment. This regiment didn't come to the Mohawk Valley until March of 1777.
3. In one of his other applications he said he had served in the militia. A Hendrick Sits is listed as a private serving in Captain John Hess' Company and in the Captain Peter Wagner, Jr. Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He also says the fought in the Battle of Stone Arabia on October 19, 1780 and the Battle of Johnstown on October 25, 1781. He also stated his father was Peter and that he (Henry) was born on August 29, 1754.