

### **Pension Application for Henry Speed**

W.2262 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married October 5, 1792. Henry died Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1848.

State of New York  
County of Columbia  
City of Hudson SS.

On this sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven personally appeared in open court in the Justices Court of the City of Hudson being a court of record for the said city by an act entitled an act to establish a justices court in the City of Hudson passed by the Legislature of the State of New York April 16, 1822, Henry Speed resident in said County aged sixty two years 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 & the first of May 1820 that he the said Henry Speed enlisted for the term of nine months sometime in the month of March in the year 1779 in the town of Claverack then in the county of Albany now the county of Columbia in said State of New York in the company commanded by Capt. James Smith (1) in the Fourth New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Weisenvealt in the line of the State of New York on the United States Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until the latter part of the month of December 1779 when he was discharged from the service at a place called Bearskin ridge within three miles of Morristown in the State of New Jersey that he hereby relinquished every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except New York and that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension—Soon after the passage of the law on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 he had his papers made out & transmitted to Washington and thus then applied for the provisions of that act—and for some reason to him unknown his application was not successful, and for two or three years then following he was attempting & using efforts every year to procure that pension until the year 1822—about ten years ago he became blind of one eye and in 1822 he became blind in both eyes and has so remained until this day—that when he so became totally blind—he was in consequence thereof so helpless that he could not get about to search for his witnesses and was so poor and the difficulty of obtaining a pension was so great that he was compelled to abandon his application until this time and now he is aided & assisted in making this application by the overseers of the poor of said town of Claverack—that when he first became blind in one eye as aforesaid, he then became unable wholly to support himself & family but was then relieved by the poor officers of said Town of Claverack—and was occasionally relieved by them from that time until he became totally blind as above mentioned since which time he has been & is now wholly chargeable upon & supported by said town of Claverack.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I the said Henry Speed do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & 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 and Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 & my me subscribed and that since the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 no changes have been made in my property except the natural wear & tear thereof and such wearing out thereof as naturally followed upon nine years use thereof. (Signed with his mark) Henry Speed. (2)

Sworn to & declared on the sixth day of July AD one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven before James Barton, Fletcher M. Beekman, Justices of the Hudson Justices Court.

Henry Speed born Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1765.  
Elsabeth Speed born August 4<sup>th</sup> 1771.  
Richard Speed born March 18<sup>th</sup> 1891. [sic 1791]  
Abigail Speed born Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1793  
Jacob Speed born March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1794.  
Elisabeth Speed born Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1795.  
Henry Speed born August 11<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
George Speed born June 13<sup>th</sup> 1799.  
Reuben Speed born April 11<sup>th</sup> 1800.  
Luther Y. Speed born Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1803.  
Polly Speed born Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1805.  
Samuel Speed born Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1807.  
Daniel J. Speed May 26<sup>th</sup> 1813.

End Notes—W.2262—Henry Speed

1. Henry enlisted for nine months as a private on May 5, 1779 in Captain Israel Smith's Seventh Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Frederick Weisenfels' Fourth New York Continental Regiment. Henry was

discharged on January 1, 1780 after serving only seven months of his term. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 71, folder 57, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. Henry did not give any further service but William Phinly who served with Henry in Captain Smith's Company and was also discharged on January 1, 1780 testifies to his and Henry's service and so did Jacob Lusk who served with Henry in 1781. Phinly and Henry also had served in Colonel Anthony VanBergen's Eleventh Regiment of Albany County Militia. Henry enlisted as a private on July 27, 1780 in Captain Christopher Muller's Company in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 75, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Henry served as a private in Captain Elihu Marshall's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies for 1781. Henry was owed £20. . 14. . 2 for his service and it was delivered to Richard Lusk in 1785. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.