

Pension Application for Henry Thomas

S.42473

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Cayuga County SS

On this second day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga—personally appears Henry Thomas aged fifty seven years and three months—resident in the town of Sempronius County of Cayuga and State of New York, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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.

That he the s'd Henry Thomas enlisted in Tony? Town in the State of New York in the month of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven in the company commanded by Captain Right of the Second New York Rgement [Regiment] commanded by Colonel Phillip (Van) Cortlandt and that he continued in Capt Rights Company until after the capture of Genl Bergoine.

That the regiment was then so reduced it then was new arrangements made and that he was then arranged into Colonel Courtland's Hallet's Company. Continued in Colonel Cortlandt's Rgement—and that he continued in the service of the United States untill the seventh day of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three (to the end of the war) when he was discharged from service at Camps at Snakehill back of Newburgh in the State of New York and that he was in the battels [battles] of takeing [taking] of Genl Burgouyn and skirmish on the Mohawk River and at Newtown in Sulivan's [Sullivan's] Western expedition—and that he was In the battle at Yorktown at the taking of Lord Cornwallis—and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his service except his discharge signed by his excellency George Washington. (Signed) Henry Thomas

Sworn to and Declared before me the 2nd day of May 1818. Silas Bowker, Judge of Cayuga Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated May 25, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.42473, that Henry Thomas enlisted I Tarrytown, New York, in March, 1777, and served as a private in Captain Wright's company, Colonel Philip Cortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment, was in battles at the capture of Burgoyne, after which, he was transferred to Captain Jonathan Hallett's company in the same regiment, was in a skirmish on Mohawk River, battle of Newtown in Sullivan's Western Expedition, and in the battle of Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis, and was discharged June 7, 1783 from the 2nd New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he was living in Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York, aged fifty-seven years and three months.

There are no data as to his family.