

Pension Application for Henry Timmerman

S.14701

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

Henry Timmerman of the Town of LeRay County and State aforesaid being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist doth depose and say—That he Enlisted at German Flatts in May or June 1775 into Captain Yates (1) Company in Col^o Van Schaicks Regiment 2nd Battalion New York line then called Regular Forces—and served in the Campaign to Canada under Gen^l Montgomery til December 1775—that he reenlisted at Montreal in December 1775 into Captain Ten Eycks (2) Company same regiment and line to go to Quebec with Gen^l Montgomery (3) and served till April 1776 when he was honourably discharge by Gen^l Woosten (4) at Quebec—And this deponent further saith that he afterwards enlisted as a Batteauman and served rising of two years on the Mohawk river and in the expedition of Wyoming under Gen^l Sullivan (5)—That if this deponent ever had a written discharge he can not now produce it.

And this deponent further saith, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he absolutely stands in need of assistance from his Country for support and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Henry Timmerman

Sworn and Subscribed to this 11th of April 1818. Calvin M. Knight, Judge

A paper inside the folder says: Henry Timmerman Battegu-man 11 Ap 1818. No line mentioned, period of service Two years. Inadmissible, Boatman are not provided for by Law.

Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me Nicholas Christman to me well known, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that Henry L Zimmerman was a private soldier in the late revolutionary War between Great Britain and America was enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Christopher P. Yates in the Second New York Regiment Commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick that he served faithfully during the whole of the campaign into Canada in 1775—that he was at the taking of St. Johns, Chambly and Montreal that he is certain the said Henry L. Zimmerman served nine months but how much longer this deponent does not recollect, and is not able to tell, as he this deponent, on or about the year 1776 reenlisted in another company under Captain Ten Eyck in the same Regiment and further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Christman

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 19th day of January 1821. Edward Burdick, Justice of the peace in and for the County of Montgomery State of New York.

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

In this thirteenth day of March 1821, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record of said State Henry Timmerman aged Seventy one years, resident in LeRay in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz in Capt. Yates company in Col. VanSchaicks 1st New York Reg't (6) and the date of his original declaration is April 11th 1818.

And 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 the 18th of

March 1818 & 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 following schedule and by me subscribed.

Schedule—

One cow, eight sheep, one loom & appendages two trammels One cake pan 2 kitchen chairs one table 1 sett cups and saucers 1 sett knives & forks 1 churn 3 wooden pails 1 tin pail one wire sieve 1 looking Glass 1 pewter bason 8 earthen plates 1 frying pan one linen wheel one great wheel one kneading trough And further that I am by occupation a farmer & have no family except a wife aged 56 year. (Signed) Henry Timmerman

Sworn to and declared on the 13th of March 1821 before me. Henry H. Sherwood Clerk.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me Andrew Fine who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith that Henry Timmerman was a private soldier in the late Revolutionary War between Great Britain and America was enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Christopher P. Yates in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick that he served faithfully during the whole of the campaign into Canada in 1775 that he was at the taking of St. Johns, Chambly and Montreal—that he is certain the said Henry Timmerman served nine months at one period and that he was discharged in the winter of 1776 and the said Timmerman and this deponent reached their homes on Ash Wednesday in the year 1776—And further this deponent saith not.—(Signed with his mark) Andrew Fine

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 9th day of March 1821. Roland Dewey, J.P.

State of New York

Jefferson County. SS.

On this fourth day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting, Henry Timmerman a resident of LeRay in said County, aged 82 11/12 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 enlisted at Fall Hill Herkimer Co. N. York the 1st day of July 1775 a private in Capt. Christopher Yates company, Colo. Gansvoort's (7) Regt, General Wooster Brigade for six months marched to Montreal was at Montreal when Gen'l Montgomery was killed at Quebec at the expiration of the above six months enlisted for a second term believes it to be five Months in the same Regt in Capt. Ten Eyck's company—marched to Quebec and was verbally discharged at Quebec June 1776—by reason of old age & the consequent Loss of Memory cannot give any particular account of this expedition—but is confident that he served Eleven Months in continuance on in the above expedition to Quebec—which he thinks is on proof on an application he made for pension in 1818 on the files of the Department—which witnesses are now dead. Returned from Quebec to Little Falls, N.Y. and was very soon drafted to go to Ticonderoga—does not recollect who was Capt—Colonel Cox & Major Isler commanded at Ticonderoga—served on this expedition a private one month—The same year 1776 and after this was drafted to go to Wood Creek (9) & blockade the same—was out on this expedition one week a private—cannot recollect his officers—Then the same year drafted & served as private

stationed at the mouth of the Unadilla River two weeks—Then in 1777 at Little Falls enlisted for six months in Col. Cox's (8) Regiment N.Y. Troops—Capt don't recollect Lieut was uncle to this declarant named Henry Timmerman (10) in Gen'l James Clinton's (11) Brigade and was employed as waiter to his uncle enlisted a private marched against the Western Indians was in the Battle when Gen'l Herkimer (12) was killed recollect he was shot through his legs while on horseback—Served faithfully Six Months and was dismissed—

Then was called out at various times till the year 1780 in short periods on alarms & by Drafts--does not know how long nor does he recollect the officers—but is certain that his services were equal to three months each year making not less than six months a private. In 1780 at Little Falls enlisted in Capt. Grey's Company a private & was immediately put into the Batteax Service on the Mohawk River & performed such service. Six months the next year 1781 enlisted under the same Capt. Grey and was employed in the same service and on the Mohawk as in the preceding year and served six months—That there was not a year during the Revolutionary War in which he did not take an active part—

He cannot by reason of old age & loss of memory swear positively to the whole of his services—but is certain his services as private in the Revolutionary service exclusive of one year in the Boat Service was not less than two years as private & for two years service he claims a pension. Was born in Manheim Montgomery County N. York January 1, 1750—lived there during the Revolutionary War & when called into service—and has lived there since the Rev. War with the exception of the last twenty six years which have been spent here I now reside LeRay—Has no record of his age, never as he recollect received a written discharge. Has no documentary evidence—nor knows of any person living who can testify to his services.

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 Timmerman

P. Burchard, Clerk

Inscribed on the Roll of New York at the rate of 33 Dollars 33 Cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 24th day of April 1834. Arrears to the 4th of March 1834, \$99.00.

Letter in pension folder.

Mrs. H. W. Martin

Laotto Indiana

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry L. Timmerman, Pension Number 14701.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.14701, based upon the service of Henry Timmerman in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Timmerman was born January 1, 1750 in Manheim, Montgomery County, New York, names of his parents not given.

While a resident of Manheim, New York, he enlisted in May, June, or July, 1775 and served as a private in Captains Christopher P. Yates' company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's 2nd New York regiment, went on General Montgomery's Campaign to Canada, was at the taking of St. Johns and the battle of Chambly, (14) length of service eleven months. He served in 1776, one month in Colonel Cox's New York regiment on an expedition to Ticonderoga; in same year a tour of one week and another of two weeks, no officers given. He enlisted in 1777, served six

months under Lieutenant Henry Timmerman (soldier's uncle) in Colonel Cox's regiment, and was in the battle with the Indians, when General Herkimer was killed. He served in 1778 and 1779 on various tours and alarms, was in the expedition to "Wyoming" under General Sullivan, length of service about six months. He served in 1780 and 1781, six months each year under Captain Gray in the boat service on the Mohawk River.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, December, 1832, at which time he was living in "LeRay", Jefferson County, New York.

The soldier, Henry Timmerman, referred to his wife in 1821 as aged fifty-six years; he did not give her name and there is no reference to children.

End Notes—S.14701—Henry Timmerman

1. Henry enlisted as a private in Captain Christopher P. Yates' Fourth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment on July 16, 1775. Captain Yates' Muster Roll is dated "Camp at Ticonderoga the 29th Day of August 1775." FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Captain Barent J. TenEyck of the Third Company in Colonel VanSchaick's. As the enlistments end on December 31, 1775 several men re-enlisted but those that did re-enlist most of them would not re-enlist again in May of 1776 were discharged at Fort Ticonderoga.
3. Major General Richard Montgomery of the Continental Army was killed on December 31, 1775 in the attempted storming of Quebec City, Canada.
4. Brigadier General David Wooster of the Continental Army.
5. Major General John Sullivan of the Continental Army.
6. Colonel VanSchaick was appointed Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776 often referred to as the "Third establishment". Third establishment means the third time the regiments were raised or re-organized. In 1775 and 1776 the regiments were usually raised for 6 to 12 months and the Continental Congress passed resolutions on September 16, 1776 to change enlistment terms. Instead of the short terms in the Continental service now it would be for "3 years" or "during war". This is the 3rd re-organization of the New York Regiments and the fourth took place on January 1, 1781.
7. Peter Gansevoort served as the Major in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment.
8. This tour was in January and February of 1777 men were drafted from the Tryon County Militia Brigade and put under the command of Colonel Ebenezer Cox of the First Regiment and First Major John Eisenlord of Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment and were marched to Fort Ticonderoga. While at Fort Ticonderoga they were employed in helping to build a floating bridge across Lake Champlain to Mount Independence on the Vermont side.
9. This tour was also in July of 1777. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer ordered a draft from his militia brigade and ordered them to Fort Schuyler now in the present day City of Rome, Oneida County, N.Y. for the purpose of felling trees into Wood Creek to impede the invading forces under Brigadier General Barry St. Leger (Lieutenant Colonel of the 34th Regiment of Foot and brevetted Brigadier General to command this expedition.) It slowed down St. Leger's progress and his plan to attack Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix) but by August 2, an advance party under Lieutenant Henry Bird of the 8th Regiment of Foot, attacked men at the boat landing and by the next day the fort was surrounded. A siege began which lasted for 21 days.

10. Henry appears as a private in Captain Christian House's Seventh Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Henry Timmerman/Zimmerman was the ensign of this company and was commissioned on June 25, 1778. He was commissioned second lieutenant in Captain Houses' Company on March 4, 1780.
11. In the spring of 1779, Brigadier General James Clinton built up an army in Canajoharie. Later that summer he joined forces with General Sullivan and with their combined armies they destroyed the Iroquois Villages in the Western part of New York.
12. General Herkimer was wounded at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. He died 11 days later from complications from a leg amputation.
13. Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateau men attached to the Quartermaster General's Department. There are parts of muster rolls for this company and Henry's name does appear on the one for 1779. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.