

Pension Application for Henry C. Vought

S.46078

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Ralsaman C. Austin a commissioner to perform the duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York residing in the town of Courtlandt in the County of West Chester in said State Henry C. Vought of the said town of Courtlandt aged seventy two years the 16th day of February next 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 7th 1832.

I first entered the service of the United States by enlisting into the service for the period of one year under Capt. Slow in Col. Hughes Regiment in the regular line of State Troops of New York and served out the period of my enlistment at Kings Ferry in the County of West Chester & Rockland being constantly employed in ferrying across back and forth the Army Cattle and Provisions for the army and such like services.

This enlistment was in the year 1778.

I again enlisted was in the year 1780 in the same service for 12 months (twelve months) in the company of Capt Bond in the same Regiment and served out othe time at Kings Ferry aforesaid in the same services as before detailed.

My next enlistment was in the same year Cornwallis was taken into a Company of Rangers commanded by Capt Sacket in the Regiment of Col. VanDuyck in the State troops of New York for the period of nine months during this enlistment some part of the time I was stationed with the standing army at Pines Bridge in the County of West Chester, at other times we ranged from the north to the east River in different parts of the County of West Chester.

During this enlistment I was in the skirmish at Mile Square near the town of Bedford in the County of West Chester—when Col. Holmes with a Party of Tories surrounded us and we cut our way thru killing one man and wounding fourteen. I served my time out and was regularly discharged with the rest of my company. Besides these services while regularly enlisted I was frequently called out in the Militia in Alarms and Scouting Parties. The whole time I was engaged in actual service in this way would according to my best judgment and belief amount in the whole to more than three months.

And I do further Declare that I relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State and that I have no documentary evidence relating to my enlistment services or discharge.

In answer to the Interrogatories recommended by the War Department I answer as follows—I was born in the year 1760 according to the best information I have on the subject in the Village of Peekskill town of Courtandt [sic] County of West Chester and State of New York. My age is recorded in the Church Books of the Dutch Reformed Church in the town of Courtlandt to which Church my parents belonged. I lived when I first entered the service in the town of Courtlandt in the County of WestChester I have lived ever since the Revolutionary War in said town of Courtlandt and now live in

said town. I do not at this distance of time recollect the names of many of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where I served among them however I remember Col. Hamilton & Major Fish. The general circumstances of my service were such as detailed in my Declaration.

I never received a Discharge in writing to my knowledge. My company was usually paraded with the other troops and verbally discharged.

The names of persons in my present neighbourhood to whom I am known and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are Gen. Pierre Van Courtlandt & St. John Constant Esquire. (Signed with his mark) Henry C. Vought

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. R. C. Austin
Commissioner to perform duties of a Judge of Supreme court of t e State of New York.

Letter in folder dated September 11, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Henry Voght or Vought, who, you state, is listed in the 1841 Census of Pensioner under Westchester County, New York.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.46078, based upon the military service of Henry C. Vought in that war.

Henry C. Vought was born February 16, 1760, in the village of Beekskill, town of Cortland, Westchester County, New York. His parents, whose names are not shown, were members of the Dutch Reformed Church in said Cortland and his birth was recorded in the records of that church.

While residing in Cortland, New York, Henry C. Vought enlisted sometime in 1778, served one year in Captain Slow's Company, Colonel Hughes' New York Regiment, and was engaged during the whole period of his enlistment in ferrying cattle for the army across the river at King's ferry in Westchester Cou;nty, New York. He enlisted in 1780, served in Captain Bond's Company, under same colonel and was engaged for another year in the same service. He enlisted in 1781, served nine months in Captain Sackett's Company of Rangers, Colonel VanEyck's New York Regiment and was in the battle of Mile Square, near Bedford, Westchester County, New York. He was also called out frequently on short tours on alarms and went on scouting parties; entire length of this service more than three months: dates and names of officers not shown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 24, 1832, while residing in Cortland, New York. There are no data was to soldier's family.

[Hand written notes in margin. *Found ed in West Chester Co. Mil, but not under any of these officers. Could not identify three of four. There was a major Hughes, Could not find Capt Bond. There were two Capt. Sackett but could not find either under Col. Van Dyck*]