

Pension Application for Henry Wood

S.10050

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this fourth day of September in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas], now; sitting (being a Court or Record) Henry Wood a resident of the town of Monroe, in the County of orange and State of New York, aged seventy four 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 the 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served has herein stated.

That about the first of June, in the year 1776, he then being a resident of the town of New Windsor, in the County of Orange aforesaid, and belonged to a Company whereof Christopher Vanduzen was Capt in a Regiment commanded by Coln Marving & Major DuBois, and the company being then ordered out into service to defend the County. The company was divided into two classes. That the one half thereof should serve two weeks and then they should be relieved by the other half, and after being classed as aforesaid at the time afore aforesaid [sic] he was marched to the Blockhouse situated in the Clove in the southwestern part of the now County of Rockland, and was there stationed as a guard under the command of Capt Jonathan Tuttle, and served there by the two weeks at a time, until about the first of November in the same year, and often during the said service he was marched as a picket guard two and three miles to the south in the State of New Jersey and at one time during the said service, he not being relieved served one month at a time that they was quartered within one quarter of a mile of Genl Clintons Continental Troops, that during the winter of 76 & 77 he was once called out on duty and again was marched to the Block house aforesaid and served two weeks when he was directed to return home, that then about the first of April in the year 1777 he was again ordered and marched to the aforesaid Blockhouse where he was stationed as a guard being two weeks on and two weeks off of duty until about the last of September in the same year, being often obliged to be out on Picket guard as far as the line of Paramus in the state of New Jersey, in company with some of the Continental Troops commanded by Genl Clinton and that during the above recited services he was sometimes commanded by Capt Pierson, both of the said Capt he believes belonged in Coln Marvin & Major DuBois regiment, that positively to state the time he served as aforesaid during the years 76 & 77.

He is unable to state, but can declare that it is not less than three months.

That then in the fall of the year 1777, he removed to the now town of Clarkstown in the Now County of Rockland and state aforesaid, and about the first of April, in the year 1778 at Tappan in the town of Orange, then Orange but now Rockland County, He enlisted as a privet soldier, for nine months in a Company commanded by Capt John Bell, Tunis Tallman was first Lieutenant, in a regiment

commanded by Coln Graham and first served at short time a guarding along the Hudson River at Yack, then crossed the river and marched to White Plains, and was stationed for some time with the continental troops (he believes) commanded by Coln Wizenvelt, then recrossed the river and marched to the new bridge near Hackensack, and lay encamped there until the British army came there, then the company retreated and he marched to Paramus, land lay there until the British army left Hackensack they then returned to Hackensack then to Tappan, and was there discharged in the month of January in the year 1779—having served out his enlistment.

That then about the last of April in the year 1779, the Militia being obliged to raise a certain quantity of men to fill up a company in the Continental line. Commanded by Capt Hays, a Virginian officer, that he enlisted, or took the place of Tunis Sneidiker and Theodore Waring as a substitute for them and served in said company for three months.

That he entered the said Company in the now town of Clarkstown and County of Rockland and was stationed as a guard at Tappan Town, l that during the said term of services the company being out on a Scout at a place called Closter, had an engagement with a part of the British army who came upon them unaware, they being over-powered by their number, and after some of the company was wounded, they made their escape by getting into a swamp and after the British army retreated they returned to their quarters at Tappan Town where he remained until his term of three months was expired.

That then in the month of September in the year 1779 he volunteered his services in a company commanded by Capt Avery Smith, in a regiment commanded by Coln A. Hawkes Hay and Gilbert Cooper Lieut [Col?] that he served the most of his time in said company from the time of his entering the service in the said company until the fall of the year 1781.

That their being a Continued guard kept along the West Shoar [shore] of the Hudson river to prevent the enemy of landing from the vessels of war that lay on the Hudson River and he served as a guard from the time of his entering the service with Captain Smith until the close thereof, without intermission, except the season of the year when the ice caused the war vessels to move to New York as a guard along the Nyack shoar and tat Slaughter's Landing, that he is unable to swear positively as to the precise length of his services under Capt Smith as aforesaid but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than one year.

That he is unable to find more than a single witness to prove his three months service under Capt Hays, in the year 1779—and unable more fully to set forth his services than they are above set forth owing to the great length of time since they were performed and the loss of his memory which is much impaired, that during all his different services by him above set forth he was a private soldier and that for above recited two years and three months services & claim a pension.

That he was born in the now town of Ramapo, now County of Rockland on the tenth day of October A.D. 1759, as he was informed by his parents that he has no record of his age.

That at the commencement of the revolutionary war he resided in the town of New Windsor in Orange County and resided their [there] until the fall of the year 1777, he then removed to the now town of Clarkstown and now County of Rockland where he resided untill the spring of the year 1798, when he removed to the town of Monroe aforesaid, where he has resided ever since—

That he never received a written discharge for any of his services, that he was verbally discharged.

That he is well known to Michael Shults, John Margarro Esqr, robert Fowler Esqr, George Wilkes Esqr and many other citizens of the County of Orange and Peter Stephens, Tunis Tallman, John House and Abraham Storms Citizens of the County of Rockland, who can testify as to his character and as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That 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) Henry Wood

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Dunning Clerk of the court of Common Pleas, Orange County.

Letter in folder dated July 19, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Henry Wood, New York Militia.

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The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.10080, based upon the military service of Henry Wood in that war.

Henry Wood was born October 10, 1750, in Ramapo, Rockland County, State not given. [This year does not add up correctly. It should read 1758 since he was 74 at the time of the deposition. As to the statement that state was not given, it is NY.]

He enlisted at Cornwall, Orange County, New York, about June 1, 1776, served in that year and in 1777, at various times on tours of two weeks each, at least three months in all, as a private under Captains Christopher Van Duzer, Jonathan Tuthill, and Pierson and Colonel Marvin in the State Troops.

[Hand written note in margin: He stated first that he was living in New Windsor Orange Co. NY when he enl. But in his statement he said he wished to correct that & that he enlisted at Cornwall, NY.]

[Hand written note in margin: A witness said the Col was Seth ;Marvin but in NY book I found Col & his Capt in Col Ebenezer Marvin's Regt & Seth does not seem to have been a Col at that time so I omitted Christian name.]

In the fall of 1777, he moved to Clarkstown, Orange County, New York, where he enlisted about April 1, 1778, served as private in captain John Bell's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment and was discharged about January 1, 1779; he again enlisted the latter part of April, 1779, served three months as a private in Captain Hays' Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment and was in a skirmish at Closter; [Hand written note: Could not identify Closter.] he enlisted in September 1779, served at various times until the fall of 1781, about one year in all, as private in Captain Aury Smith's Company, Colonel A. Hawkes Hay's New York Regiment.

In 1798, he moved to Monroe, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1833, while residing in Monroe, Orange County, New York.

There are no data as to his family.