
Pension Application for Henry Hart

W.21246 (Widow: Anna Eva)

Translation of the German Language to wit:

Year 1790

7th March

Henry Hart with Anna Eve Kilts were married by me Johann Reinhard Volckmar a minister of the Gospel.

State of New York

Montgomery County

Town of Palatine.

I, John D. Zielley clerk of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia in the Town County & Sate aforesaid certify that the above marriage in the German Language is a true copy form the Records of said church (and that the above is a true translation of the same in the English language. John D. Zielley Clerk

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On the 13th day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven Henry Hart personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Jefferson in the State of New York the same being a Court of Record, who being first duly sworn in open court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1 May 1820.

That he the said Henry Hart enlisted in the county of Montgomery in the State of New York in the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and seventy nine as a private in the Bateau Service in the Continental establishment under Capt. Peter Ale [Ehle] (1) commanded by Col. Stophel Yates (2) of the New York line that this deponent the said Henry continued in the said company and Regiment until on or about the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty when he the said Henry having served the first term of his enlistment (being ten months) he was honorably discharged at Saratoga in the County of Saratoga by Col. Yates commanding officer—

That the said Henry enlisted a second time in the company aforesaid in the Bateau service aforesaid on or about the first day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty as a private in the Continental establishment under Capt. John Denny (3) in a Regiment commanded by Col. Hay (4)—that he the said Henry continued in the said company until on or about the first of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty one when he was honorably discharged at Poughkeepsie in the State of New York.

And further that he the said Henry served against the common enemy the British and that he is now in his sixty seventh year of his age and infirm and has a wife in the fifty fourth year of her age. That he has no property of any description whatever except what is set forth in the following inventory nor has he disposed of or sold or transferred his property or any portion thereof with a view to obtain his pension. And that he is poor and destitute and infirm and as such craves the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) Henry Hart

Inventory of Property. I have one cow, six pigs, 2 old Potash kettles, 1 feather bed, 2 straw beds and bedding, 1 table, 2 chests, 6 chairs, 5 or 6 knives & forks, 2 iron pots, 1 bake kettle, 1 spider, 1 tea pot, 1 set cups and saucers, 1 hoe, 2 axes, 1 plough. (Signed) Henry Hart

And in pursuance of the act of the 1 May 1820 the said Henry do solemnly swear that I was a citizen of the Untied States and residing within the same on the 18th march 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatsoever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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 18th March 1818."

And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than which is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) Henry Hart

Sworn in open Court June 13, 1827. H. H. Sherwood, Clerk

State of New York
Jefferson County SS.

On this 26th day of February 1839 personally appeared before me the undersigned First Judge of said County Anna Eva Hart a resident of the town of Clayton in the County of Jefferson and State of New York aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Henry Hart who was a private soldier in Captain Christopher Fox and Captain Henry Miller's (5) Companies of Militia in Colonel Jacob Klock's Regiment General Herkimer's Brigade (6) and according to the best of her belief proof of service will be found for him in these companies during part of the Revolutionary War.

That he also served as a private in Captain Abner French's (7) Company in Colonel Willet's regiment of State troops a period of nine months viz from the first of April 1782 until the first of January 1783. And that he also served two tours of ten months each in the Batteau service viz one term of ten months in the company of Captain Peter Ehle under command of Colonel Christopher Yates of the New York line which term of service commenced in February 1779 and termended [terminated] 1st of January 1780 and the other term from March 1780 to January 1781 under Captain John Denny in Colonel Hays regiment all of which service she has reason to believe will appear by reference to records at the War department the proof hereto annexed and also to proof furnished by claimants husband in his life time and may be found annexed to his application for a pension on file at the War department.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Hart on the 7th day of March in the year seventeen and ninety that her husband the aforesaid Henry Hart died on the last day of February eighteen hundred & thirty five. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz., at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Anna Eva Hart.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me. Calvin McKnight
First Judge of Jeff. County Courts.

War Department, Pension Office, January 11, 1831.

Sir, The papers in support of the claims of John Cassler and Henry Hart (8) have been examined and placed on our files. It appears from the evidence exhibited, that they belonged to the boat service, and were also under the command of Colonels Yates and Hay. These officers did not command continental regiments. As the act of March 18, 1818, under which they claim, extends to none who did not serve in a military capacity and on the continental

establishment, and as the service performed by them is not embraced by said acts, a pension cannot be granted in either case.

I have the honor to be &c. J. L. Edwards

State of New York
Fulton County SS.

On this 19th day of November 1841 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Peter Ehle who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that he is eighty seven years of age and is a pensioner of the United States. That he was well acquainted with Henry Hart during the war of the revolution.

That he this deponent was a captain in the Batteau service during a part of his said war and that the said Henry Hart was a Batteaman in his said company.

That the said Henry Hart enlisted into his said company in the month of February 1779 and served under him this deponent from the 1st day of March 1779 until the 1st day of January 1780 when he was honourably discharged at the barracks in the County of Saratoga he having served the full term of his enlistment a period of ten months.

And he further swears that he was also acquainted with Anna Eva Hart who is now the widow of the said Henry Hart and further he says not. (Signed with his mark) Peter Ehle

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19th day of November 1841. Thomas R. Benedict, Justice.

End Notes—W.21246—Henry Hart

1. Peter H. Ehle was the captain of a company of Bateamen in 1779. This company along with Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateamen ferried Colonel Goose VanSchaick and his detachment in April of 1779 on Oneida Lake against the Onondaga Village. The Bateamen were left to guard the bateaus and were not part of any of the fighting that took place.
2. Christopher C. Yates was the Deputy Quartermaster General with the rank of lieutenant colonel.
3. John Denny was a captain of a company of Bateamen. So far a muster roll for this company has not been found.
4. Udney Hay as an Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General with the rank of lieutenant colonel.
5. Christopher W. Fox was appointed captain of the third company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia on August 26, 1775. On September 29, 1780 he was commissioned major and First Lieutenant Henry Miller was commissioned captain in place of Fox. A Henry Hart was not found in Colonel Klock's Regiment. A Conrad Hart was in Captain Fox's and Miller's Company.
6. Nicholas Herkimer was appointed brigadier general on September 5, 1776 of Tryon County Militia Brigade.
7. In April of 1782, Abner French was appointed Captain in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. In November of 1782, Captain French retired from the service and Lieutenant Jellis A. Fonda was appointed captain in his place. Again Conrad Hart is listed not Henry.
8. The following is in the audited accounts for the pay of a Henry Hart who was killed on April 20, 1778 (1779) in Colonel Klock's Regiment. This Henry Hart would have been in Captain Nicholas Richter's Sixth Company in Colonel Klock's Regiment. Only Conrad Hart appears in the pay receipt roll of Richter's Company. Jephtha R. Simms in his The

Frontiersmen of New York, Vol II, page 146, 147, gives Conrad Hart as being killed in the April raid.

HENRY HART

State of New York Dr to Mary Christina Hart									
Widow of Henry Hart late Private in Col. J Klock's									
Regt. of Montgomery County Militia									
To Seven years half pay which I am intitled to by the									
Death of my Husband Henry Hart, who was Slain in									
the field on 20th April 1778 as V Col Klock's Certificate									
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Audited 1 November 1784

SOURCE: AUDITED ACCOUNTS, VOL. A, page 131, MANUSCRIPTS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY, ALBANY, N.Y..

Mrs. Mary Hart is mistaken about the year of her husbands death. Henry Hart was killed in the Tilleborough Raid which occurred on April 20, 1779. Also it was Tryon County Militia not Montgomery County Militia.