

### **Pension Application for Henry LaRue**

W.8017 (Widow: Betsey) Married Betsey Emmons on or about April 10, 1808. Henry died March 1, 1850, Alexandria, Jefferson County NY.

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Otsego County, Com. Pleas of the Term of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Be it remembered that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four Henry LaRue of the Town of Oneida in the county of Otsego aforesaid personally appeared in open court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand seven hundred and fifty five according to the best of this deponent's knowledge information and belief. That he has no record of his age—But this deponent's father resided in the said County of Bergen till this deponent was about ten years of age at which time he removed into the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York where he resided during the whole time of the Revolutionary War & until he died.

And this deponent further saith that on the last day of June on the first day of June or the first day of July 1776 this deponent went as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Peter Barthorlf of the Town of Warwick aforesaid & in a Regiment commanded by Col. John Haythorn to Fort Montgomery upon the Hudson River where he stayed five or six days and assisted in repairing said fort.

And this deponent further said that on the last day of June or the first day of July 1776 this deponent went as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Peter Bartholf of the Town of Warwick aforesaid & in a Regiment commanded by Col John Haythorn to Fort Montgomery upon the Hudson River where he stayed five or six days and assisted in repairing said fort. That he was gone from home eight days. That he marched on Sunday morning & returned on Sunday morning of the following week. That while at Fort Montgomery he heard the news of Independence being declared. That guns were fired in commemoration of the event and during this a cannon was found which this deponent help[ed] draw up from the rivers bank. That after remaining there a few days as before stated this deponent was discharged together with one half of the company to which he belonged [and the general that ?] was more militia there were more militia than could be of any use.

That on this deponent's arrival there the British vessels were in the Hudson River and it was reported hereby that they would come. That the company to which this deponent belonged were kept under arms during the whole of the day in expectation of an attack & their coats and vests filed up in a troop and a centinel [sentinel] placed over them. That there was a spring between the River and the fort at which a Centinel was placed with a small wooden dish therein that this deponents Capt. Bertholf instead of drinking out of said dish attempted to dip more water in his hat and received a rap over the head with a musket from said Centinel. That this

being the first part of this deponents service made a strong impression on his mind on account of his Captain being chastised in this manner by a private soldier.

And this deponent further saith that on the last day of November in the same year this deponent marched in the said Henry Bartholf's company of militia to Tappan on the Hudson river and continued in service till about the twentieth of January following—That during said time this deponent was employed on the scouting business and in the protection of the property of the Whigs from the tories & cowboys.

And this deponent further saith that afterwards in the year 1777 this deponent went in said Comp'y then commanded by Capt Blanc as a volunteer down upon the Ramapo river a branch of Pascoit River in New Jersey where he continued for six weeks and upwards – that he recollects seeing a steer come out of the woods with a bell on & the militia shooting it and being reprimanded for so doing by Col. Wisner who was present.

And this deponent further saith during the same year he went over on to the Delaware River in said Bertholf's Company as a volunteer on occasion of an alarm from the Indians for two weeks and upwards.

And this deponent further saith that he was called out on alarms and went over on the Delaware to repel the incursion of the Indians over four or five several times—That the shortest of said periods was six days & the longest about two weeks. That this deponent always went as a volunteer—That this deponents service upon the Delaware aforesaid was not all of it in one year last in different years during and after 1777.

And this deponent further saith in the month of February 1779 this deponent went in a comp'y militia commanded by Capt. Andrew Miller to West Point where he worked in said Fort till he was taken sick in April following and dismissed—That the term of his service at the last period was two months and a few days & how many he cannot certainly state.

That in 1778 and in the fall of said year this deponent marched to Tapan [Tappan] in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. David McAmbla & continued in service for six weeks at least.

That this deponent served as a volunteer in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Minthorn, upon the Ramapow [Ramapo] river in Orange County aforesaid now Rockland County New York during the year 1779 for four weeks remaining in the summer of said year but at which time he cannot specifically state.

And this deponent further saith that he enlisted as a volunteer in a variety of other occasions then [?] herein before stated. That from the year 1776 to 1781 he was frequently called out on alarms sometimes occasioned by the approach of the British and sometimes by the approach of the Indians and during the whole of that time scarcely a month lapsed without this deponent doing some kind of military service.

That this deponent believes that the whole time he served as aforesaid was not less than two years but by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory & the nature of his services he cannot state or list them, [?] more particularly than he has done.

And this deponent further saith that he never had any written discharge.

That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove any part of the above service.

And this deponent further saith that he resided in the Town of Warwick aforesaid till the year 1788 at which time he removed to the town of Young in the province of Upper Canada where he resided till 1806 at which time he removed into the County Otsego aforesaid where he has resided ever since & now resides therein. That he has no documentary evidence of his said service or any part thereof.

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.

And in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department—he answers as follows.

- I. That he was born in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey in the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1755.
- II. That he has no record of his age.
- III. That he was living in Warwick Orange County when he entered the service--& has resided since in Canada & Otsego Co. as stated before.
- IV. That he volunteered his services on all occasions—and was never drafted.
- V. That he has seen Genl Sullivan, Genl Wayne, & Genl Morgan, and some of the regular officers.
- VI. That he never received a discharge.
- VII. That he is acquainted with Eliakim R. Ford Esq, Joseph Mumford Esqr, James Westcott Esqr, Ira Emmon Esq & The Rev'd William Clark, whose affidavits are herein annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. (Signed with his mark) Henry LaRue

Horace Lathrop, Clerk

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.8017 it appears that Henry LaRue was born October 7, 1755 in Bergen County, new Jersey, and when ten years old moved with his father (whose name is not given) to Warwick, Orange County, New York where they lived during the whole of the Revolution and where his father died, the date not stated.

He enlisted about July 1, 1776 and served at various times in each succeeding year, until in the spring of 1782, not less than two years in all, as a private under Captains Peter Bertholf, Blane, Andrew Miller, David McCamly and John Minthorn in Colonel John Hathorn's New York Regiment.

In 1788 he moved from said Warwick to Young, Upper Canada and in 1808 from there to Otsego County, New York. He was allowed pension on his application

executed October 15, 1834 while a resident of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York. He died March 1, 1850 in Alexandria, Jefferson County, New York.

Soldier married April 10, 1808 in Kortright, Delaware County, New York Betsey Emmons. She was allowed pension on her application executed June 23, 1853 while a resident of Oneonta, New York aged seventy-nine years.