

### **Pension Application for Henry Soper**

W.19387 (Widow: Hannah Thorn) Married February 27, 1784 by Reverend Mr. Bullock, clergyman of the Baptist Church in Stanford, Dutchess County. Henry died October 24, 1832 in Cairo, Greene County.

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this thirteenth day of July 1832, personally appeared before me Perkins King Esq. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county at his residence in the town of Cairo in said county being unable from sickness and debility to be removed therefrom, Henry Soper a resident of said town of Cairo county & state aforesaid aged eighty six 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he enlisted as a volunteer into the militia of the state of New York in or about the spring of 1776 for the term of six months. George Clinton was General, Maurice Graham's was Colonel of the regiment in which he served. William Steward was Captain of the Company in which he served—enlisted as a private in said company—The first Lieutenant of said Company was John Hardenburgh—the second was Stephen Edgit—was stationed on the East river side above the City of New York when the British took Long Island was stationed in the neighbourhood of the City of New York during the term of service back of the city in a sort of irregular service the regiment in which he served was called the "Flying regiment" – faithfully performed service for six months—was discharged at White Plains—the officers gave no formal discharge then but only a paper or furlough to come home deponent's has long been destroyed. Afterwards after the taking of Fort Montgomery was drafted and served at West Point three months assisted in building a bomb proof at West Point and in building Fort Putnam, Silas Hewsted was Captain, Peter Hartwell was Lieutenant of deponent's company and the said Maurice Graham's was Colonel of the regiment—after serving three months the regiment was discharged by General Washington in person had no written discharge or pass or furlough whatever—and this deponent further saith that he knows of no person living by which he can prove his service or that served with him, there was a neighbour of deponent named Peleg Horton who served with deponent & by whom he could prove his service but he died in February last.

In answer to the enquiries required by the war department to be propounded he this deponent Henry Soper further says he cannot recollect the year or month in which he was born but believes himself to be eighty six years of age the coming fall as born in Jamaica on Long Island – has no record of his age of any description. Lived in what was called Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess New York where he enlisted and also when drafted as above stated & has resided in this county for fifty three years. Went into the service and served as a volunteer for the six months and was drafted & served for the three months above stated. Did not receive a discharge from the service. Were no regular officers with the troops as deponent recollects upon his first service—when at West Point there were two regiments besides that in which deponent served one deponent believes Continental troops commanded by Col. Markham & one deponent believes of Carolina troops commanded by Col. Poor.

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 or (if any) only one that of the agency of the State of New York. (Signed with his mark) Henry Soper

Sworn & subscribed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1836 before me, Perkins King Judge as aforesaid.