

Pension Application for Henry Teator

S.11530

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS

On this fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before Robert S. Livingston Esquire, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess aforesaid, Henry Teator, a resident of the Town of RedHook in said County of Dutchess, and State of New York aged eighty 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, 1832.

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

In the latter part of May or forepart of June in the year 1775, to the best of his recollection, while residing in the Town of Rhinebeck, in that part which is now RedHook in said County of Dutchess, at which place he resided at the commencement of, and during the Revolutionary war, he was drafted to go to Lake George, in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Hermance, in the regiment of Colonel Morris Graham. He went accordingly in the said company marching on the east side of the Hudson River as far as Albany, where they crossed—thence proceeding on the west side of the river to within a short distance of Fort Edward, where they again crossed and continued on the east side to Lake George—In this tour of service he was engaged at least half a month when they were discharged and he returned home.

In the spring of the year 1776 as near as he can recollect he enlisted in a company of minute men, commanded by Captain Herman Hoffman, for the space of one year. He continued in the said company during the said year and was engaged in actual service in said company at different times & in various places until in the next winter for the space of at least six months, to the best of his recollection; and belief, during which time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

In the winter of the year 1777 as near as he can recollect, he was drafted to go to Westchester County. He went accordingly in a company commanded by John Heermance acting as Captain, Ryer Hermance acting Lieutenant in the Regiment of Colonel Morris Graham, and in the brigade of General Peter TenBroeck. They proceeded through Fishkill and the Highlands to NorthCastle in said County of Westchester where they remained a short time and then proceeded to a place called William's Bridge. At this place this applicant was taken sick and was discharged and returned home, having been engaged in this service at least three weeks.

In the month of June in the year 1777 as he thinks, he was drafted and went in the same company last mentioned commanded by the said John Heermance to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess, where they encamped. Here they remained in service at least half a month when they were discharged and returned home.

In the fall of the same year 1777 as near as he can recollect, he volunteered in a company commanded by Theophilus Anthony Captain, and went to the vicinity of

Poughkeepsie in said County of Dutchess where he was engaged in service, one month, when he was discharged and returned home.

In the year 1778 as he believes, but at what time in the year he cannot recollect he was drafted and went to the Highlands then in the County of Dutchess in the company commanded by John Heermance Captain, in the regiment of Colonel Morris Graham. They encamped on the Post Road on the east side of the Hudson River, nearly opposite West Point. In this tour of service he was engaged in different parts of the Highlands for at least half a month, when they were discharged and he returned home.

In the month of June in the year 1778 to the best of his recollection, he was drafted to go to West Point, and went accordingly in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Heermance, marching on the east side of Hudson River to Fishkill & thence by water to West Point. In this tour of service he was engaged at West Point & in the vicinity one month when they were discharged and he returned home.

In the summer of the year 1779 he was drafted and went in the company commanded by Captain John Heermance to White Plains in Westchester County, and was engaged there in guarding the lines, one month, at the expiration of which time, they were discharged and he returned home.

His last tour of service was, to the best of his recollection;, in the summer of the year 1780 when he was drafted for one month to go to Fort Constitution in the Highlands. He went accordingly in the aforementioned company commanded by Captain John Heermance and was engaged in service at that place, half a month; when he hired a substitute for the remainder of his time and returned home.

In addition to the services above stated, he served at different times during the revolution the periods of which he cannot recollect, at various places in Dutchess County on alarms and in scouting for at least three months during which he was not employed in any civil employment or pursuit.

These services were rendered in the militia company to which he belonged commanded part of the time by Captain John Clum and part of the time by Captain John Heermance.

This applicant says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he is unable to state the precise periods or duration of all his services with more accuracy than is above set forth, but he is confident he served as a private during the revolution at least fourteen months, and twenty one days as is above stated.

This applicant was born in the Town of Rhinebeck in that part which is now RedHook on the thirtieth day of march in the year 1753. He has a record of his age in a Hymn book and it was also in the family Bible which is not in his possession.

He was living in Rhinebeck in that part which is now RedHook when called into service, he has lived there ever since the Revolutionary war, and he lives there now.

The names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served are General Peter TenBroeck, Major Peter Westfall, captain Andrew Heermance, Captain John Heermance.

He never received any written discharge to his recollection.

The following persons to whom this applicant is known in his present neighborhood, can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Re. Andrew N, Kittle, Doct. Gamaliel Wheeler, Colonel Philip pitcher, Henry Lyle Esquire, Jacob C. Elmendorf.

And this applicant further states that he has no documentary testimony of ;his services, and knows of no surviving witnesses except Ebenezer Adams and Charles Near who can testify to part of his services.

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 with his mark) Henry Teator

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Robt L. Livingston