

**Pension Application for Hendricks VanDerwerker**

W.18191 (Widow: Catharine VanDerWerk) Married Jan 18, 1778. Hendricks died April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1816. Catharine died April 19, 1844. Surviving children, Peter, Laurence, Adam, George, Mariah Fox. Gitty apparently died.

Deposition of Jacob Shew. Note, it is written on lined paper.

State of New York

County of Jefferson SS

On this twentyeth [twentieth] day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of Jefferson, Jacob Shew of the town of Leroy, State and County aforesaid, aged eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth depose and say that, either in the year 1781, or '82, a man by the name of Henry VanDerwerken, or as in the Holland language, or as in the common way of speaking his name would be Hendrick VanDerWerk, was a private soldier in a company of nine months tour, serving in the Revolutionary War for the United States in a Company commanded by Capt. Abner French, in Colonel Mr. Willet's Regiment. That this deponent was personally acquainted with the said Henry or Hendrick during some portion of the time of said Revolutionary War, and more particularly while serving in said company commanded by Capt. French in the year, (as he is most certain was 1781.) this deponent being in the service ion the same company at the same time.

That although the places of residence of this deponent and the said Henry being at a great distance from each other and in acquaintance not regularly kept up, yet from all the facts set forth by his heirs, this deponent has no hesitation in saying and verily believes that the children of Henry VanDerwerken now applying for a pension have a just claim to the annuity or pension for services rendered by the said Henry during the Revolutionary War, their father being the same identical person who this deponent served with in said Company commanded by the said Capt. French. The said Henry was a Miller, consequently not all the time out in actual service, therefore this deponent cannot state the precise length of time said Henry served. And further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Jacob Shew.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847 before me. Horace Grover  
J.P.