

Pension Application for Henry Weaver

S.43284

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS

On the twenty eighth day of March 1818 before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Dutchess, personally appeared Henry Weaver to me well known, aged fifty two years, resident in the Town of Rhinebeck in said County, who being by me first duly sworn did on his oath make the annexed affidavit & declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

The said Henry Weaver declarant was at the time of making his said affidavit, that he could further prove his said services by one William Smith, a soldier of the Revolution, I the said Judge deferred this return of the proceedings before me, untill the testimony of said Smith could be obtained.

And now at this day, that is to say, on the twenty first day of April 1818, personally appeared before me, William Smith above named, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath saith that he personally well knew the above named applicant Henry Weaver to be in the service of the United States, at Fort Montgomery in the year 1776; that at that time said Weaver was a private in the third Regiment of New York troops, Col. Gansevoort (1) Commander.

That at Fort Montgomery, said Weaver enlisted into the service of the United States for three years, & continued in such service for as much as five years as this deponent well knows—for this deponent saw him frequently afterwards, to wit, during the Indian campaign, at Valley Forge,(2) and at the Capture of CornWallace [Cornwallis], they were together in the trenches fightgting [sic, fighting] in the trenches of the common enemy and afterwards encampment of the army at Pumpton [Pompton] in the State of New Jersey in the year 1782.

And I the said Martin Hermance, Judge &c as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Henry Weaver did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the annexed affidavit & in the above declaration against the common enemy; and no particular form of proceeding having been furnished at the time the said Henry Weaver made his said application, I now transmit the proceedings & testimony in the form the same were taken & had before me, to the Secretary of the Department of war, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

Rhinebeck, Dutchess County April 21st 1818. Martin Hermance.

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Henry Weaver being duly sworn and saith that in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he [entered is crossed out] inlisted six months as a private soldier in the Company of Captain Swartwout (2) under Colonel Gansevoort third Regiment of the New York Brigade at the Expiration of said term, he again

inlisted under the same Captain, and in the Same Corps, for three years, he was some time thereafter transferred to the Company of Captain Johnson (4), under Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York Brigade; in which company and Corps he Continued in actual Service and before his term of three years had expired, again inlisted therein for the duration of the War, (5) From that time without intermission he continued in Said Corps (6) as a private, and fighting against the Common enemy until the early part of the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two when from the previous Capture of Cornwallis, the war being considered at a close he by permission of his officers retired from the service at Pumpton in the State of New Jersey, and has ever since been a Citizen of the United States, he was in the Patriot Service during the war of the Revolution about six years, and fought the British at the Siege of fort Stanwix (7) the Indian Campaign (8) and at the Capture of Cornwallis (9), the war being considered at a close he at Yorktown, Virginia on the nineteenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he is now sixty two years of age with a broken Constitution, destitute of Property and a public charge unto the town of Rhinebeck (10) in the County of Dutchess & State of New York and further saith not. (Signed with his mark) Henry Weaver.

Taken & sworn before me the 28th day of March 1818 Martin Hermance
One of the Judges in and for said County.

End Notes—S.43284—Henry Weaver

1. Henry enlisted as a private on November 26, 1776 for 3 years in Captain Abraham Swartwout's Fourth Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's third New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 47, National Archives Washington, D.C.
2. The Third New York was not at Valley Forge, Commissioner. They were stationed at Fort Schuyler in New York State until November of 1778.
3. Abraham Swartwout was appointed Captain on April 27, 1776 in Colonel James Clinton's Second New York Continental Regiment. So far no muster rolls have been found for this company. Swartwout was not appointed Captain in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment until November 21, 1776. Captain Swartwout served until about May 1, 1778 in this regiment.
4. Henry Transferred to Captain Cornelius T. Jansen's Third Company in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment. Henry deserted in August 1780 and rejoined the regiment in October 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 45, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. In Captain Jansen's muster roll for January and February 1779 states "Reinlist during war." FROM: Collections of the New York Historical Society for the year 1915, NY 1916, Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution, 1775-1783, Vol II, PP 444-445.
6. On January 1, 1781 the First and Third New York Regiments, were consolidated into a re-organized First New York returning Goose Van Schaick as its Colonel and Gansevoort returned from the Continental Service. Captains Jansen, Leonard Bleecker, James Gregg and Aaron Aorson were transferred to the First

New York. Weaver appears as a private in Captain Aarsons' Company in 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 5, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

7. The Siege of Fort Schuyler, was for 21 days in August of 1777.
 8. The Indian Campaign was the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign of 1779 against the Iroquois Villages in Western New York State.
 9. The Yorktown, Virginia Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
 10. On page 201, a reference is made to Assembly Papers 23-201, 209. Rhinebeck and page 202 a reference to Assembly Papers 19-210. FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol XV, State Archives, Vol I, Albany, NY 1887, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers.
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