

Pension Application for Henry Cooper

S.981

State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of March in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] now sitting, Henry Cooper, a resident of the township of Saddle [Saddle] River in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, aged seventy one years the 20th day of May 1832, 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.

That on or about the first of July 1778 he enlisted at a place called the New City, in the now town of Clarkstown, in the County of Rockland and State of New York, for three months, in a Company commanded by Capt. Gardner, in a regiment commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, and served that time a guarding along the west shore of the Hudson River between [between] Stony Point and Sneden's landing and scouting through different parts of the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey, and after that term of service was expired, he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt Jacob Onderdonk, in the aforesaid regiment and served therein in scouting and guarding as aforesaid at different times that is the half of the men belonging to said company had to be out one week, then the other half was to relieve them, and in that manner he served until the fall of the year 1779 when I entered a company called Major Less Core [Cops?] and served therein about one month and until stony Point was taken by Gen'l Wayne, was in the engagement, and after that the fort was taken I was discharged from the said company and entered the service again under the aforesaid Capt. Jacob Onderdonk, and served therein as is above stated, until the first of June 1780, when I enlisted for six months in a company commanded by Capt Lawrence in a regiment commanded by Col'n Duboise and went first to Albany, then to Fort Plain then to Fort Stanwik [Stanwix] where we had an engagement with the British and Indians and some of the men in the regiment was killed and some taken prisoners [prisoners] and after my time was expired was discharged at Albany – then in the spring of the year 1781 (the time precisely [precisely] he does not recollect he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt Andrew Thompson for four month. He enlisted at Tappan Town in the now County of Rockland aforesaid, when as far north as Fishkil [Fishkill] and then returned to Tappan town and lay there until the time of service was expired. The regiment or Col'n to which we belonged he does not recollect—then when my term of service was expired.

He again entered the service under the aforesaid Capt Jacob Onderdonk, and served therein until the close of the Revolutionary War, principal part of the time a Scouting through the southerly part of the County of Bergen aforesaid the remainder along the west shoar [shore] of the Hudson River, the time I served under Capt. Onderdonk I am unable positively to state; but during the three years I served under him, I am confident that I was out on duty for more than one year for from the time the British took possession of Stony Point, until it was taken by Gen'l Wayn [Wayne] I was out on duty continually.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services as he does not recollect ever to have received a written discharge, and the only positive proof he can offer of his services is the testimony of some of the men that served me in the said war.

That during the war his place of resident was in the now Town of Clarkstown, Rockland County, then it was the Precinct of Haverstraws Orange County and since the war I removed to the Township of Salle River in the County of Bergen aforesaid.

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) Henry Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Abr. Westwell, Clerk

Letter in folder, dated December 22, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Henry Cooper, a Revolutionary War pensioner who was living in Manchester, Passaic County, New Jersey, in 1840.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.981, based upon the military service of the only soldier named Henry Cooper that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Henry Cooper was born May 20, 1761, at Haverstraw, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Haverstraw Precinct, Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from the first of July, 1778, three months in Captain John Gardner's company in Colonel A. Hawke Hay's regiment; from May, 1779, four and one half months in Captain Jacob Onderdonk's company in Colonel Hay's regiment and was in the battle of Stoney Point; in 1779, one month in Major Lee's corps; from the first of June, 1780, six months in Captain Jonathan Lawrence's company in Colonel Dubois' regiment and was in an engagement at Fort Stanwix; in the spring of 1781 he served four months in Captain Andrew Thompson's company.

After the Revolutionary War he moved to Saddle River Township, Bergen County, New Jersey.

Henry Cooper was allowed pension on his application executed March 28, 1833, at which time he was living in Saddle River Township, Bergen County, New Jersey.

One Zacharias H. Cooper, a clergyman, was living in Franklin Township, Bergen County New Jersey, in 1833, but it was not stated that he was related to the soldier and there are no further data relative to family.