

## **Pension Application for Henry Dun**

R.3118

State of New York

Saratoga County

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of common Pleas now sitting in and for the said County of Saratoga, Henry Dun of the town of Stillwater in the County of Saratoga N. York aged eighty three 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 has herein stated.

That in the year 1776 in the month of May of said year Claimant entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in a company commanded by Capt. Jeremiah Vincent which company belonged to the 12<sup>th</sup> NY Commanded by Col. Jacobus VanSchoonhoven in which Regiment James Gordon was Lieutenant Colonel and Ezekiel Taylor Major.

Claimant was ordered out on duty as a private in the said Captain Vincent's Company in which Company Elias Sternburgh was a Subaltern Officer, during the year 1776 the company were called on to march against numbers of Suspected persons by order of the sub-committee of Safety called Sub Committee of New Town then Albany County now Saratoga a great proportion of the Time Claimant was on duty during said Season having the enemy on the North & West and Tories and Indians to continue against within the bounds of the County making it amediately [immediately] necessary to keep a night guard for the protection of life and property and securing those from the committee should direct so to be and bring them before said Committee –

During the season Claimant does not recollect an tours of duty in which he was engaged that was more than one day and night to three days & nights, was ordered to march to Albany to detect some suspected persons under the said Capt Vincent was called out on many short alarms during said season yet cannot [recollect] of any services except the alarms in October or November of that season when claimant was ordered to march to Fort Edward on the Hudson River several times—at one period General Tenbroock commanded.

In the year 1776 in the month of January about the first of the same Claimant inlisted [enlisted] as a Batteau man in a company under the command of Captain Tunis Vischer resident of the City of Albany that he this said claimant continued in the service of the United States engaged in transporting necessaries for the army until dismissed as follows viz, that in the month of June whilst engaged in transporting cattle from Fort George to Ticonderoga claimant recurred an injury in the heel of the foot an ox and was ordered back to Fort George. The enemy was advancing and General Schuyler having been personally acquainted with claimant directed him to go home to his family until he recovered of his wound, that he the said claimant returned

home and was an invalid at the date of the surrender of Burgoine making a tour of service at this period of two months.

Claimant further saith that during the remaining part of the season he was called out on several alarms to Schuylers, Fort Edward and at various other places in the Country yet the date of service or the length of the same is out of his power at this time to determine.

Claimant further saith that in the year 1778 the month and day of the same cannot now recollect—he was ordered on an expedition in a company of Militia under the command of Capt. Joshua Taylor successor of Capt Vincent, the names of the Subaltern officers does not recollect this expedition was directed to a place called Cherry Valley now in Otsego s'd N. York to support the invasion of the Indians and Tories who were at that date making daily havoc among the inhabitants, the detachment arrived at the past intended where they remained some days when they returned home and claimant together with the remainder of the company was dismissed after a tour of service of one month.

Claimant was again ordered to march on an expedition in the same year in a company of militia of the State commanded by Captain Hezekiah Dunham yet cannot tell the day of the month thinks the middle of September this expedition was directed to Fort Edward on the Hudson at which post Col. Yates took the command of the regiment the detachment remained in camp as a guard at that post until they were dismissed after a tour of service of one month and over. Claimant further saith that in the year 1778 he was again ordered to march under the above named Capt Dunham on our expedition to a place called Palmerton a northern post then guarded by special direction thinks it was in the month of October of that year that the detachment to which he the claimant belonged consisted of about sixty men under the command of [rest of line blank] was out on this tour of duty one month and returned home dismissed.

Claimant was again ordered out in the year 1779 as near the month of [blank space] as he can recollect under the command of Captain Joshua Taylor afore named the detachment marched to a place known by the name of Sandy hill where the detachment remained a short time from there we were ordered to march to Palmerton where we remained from four to six weeks when [?] the detachment was dismissed and returned home Col. Ezekiel Taylor commanded the detachment and Joseph Cook was adjutant of the same.

Claimant further saith that in October 1779 the year above named he was again ordered to march in a company of Militia under the command of Capt John VenDenburgh General Schuyler at Saratoga where they remained as a Guard one month and was dismissed. Next during the war of the Revolution claimant was called out on alarms to General Schuylers, Schuylerskill, Fort Edward, Saratoga and numerous other places where on tours of duty from one to three weeks not herein specified having nothing in his possession whereby he could determine the amount of time he served, yet he continued to serve at all times when called from the date of his entering the service until the close of the same.

Claimant would further say that he landed at New York in 1774. And from thence he proceeded to the then County of Albany town of Half Moon now Halfmoon Saratoga County where he resided until near the close of the war he then removed to the adjoining town of Stillwater where he now resides and has resided there ever since.

That he was not in any engagement of note during the war of the revolution nor does he know of any person living whom he can procure who can testify to his services as a soldier. His age and infirmity of body is such that distinct recollections of date is not within his power yet according to the best of his memory he served not less than the periods mentioned in the foregoing declaration in manner there set forth, yet there may be errors in date by him specified, that the duty herein declared to be performed was so done in a regularly embodied and organized company of Militia of the State of New York commanded by competent authority and whilst engaged in the same his services was wholly devoted to the interest of his country and not to any private interest of his own and that said services was rendered by him on all occasions in the grade of the private soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list roll of the agency of any state.

To the Interrogatories propounded by the Court he answers as follows.

1. He was born in Scotland in the parish of White Horn on the 3d day of January 1750. O.S.
2. He has no record of his age but derived his information from his parents during their life.
3. He lived in the town of Halfmoon then Albany County when he entered the service during the war and at or near the close of the same he removed to the town of Stillwater in the said County of Saratoga where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.
4. He was drafted he thinks at one tour of duty but cannot be positive, he enlisted at one period and the remaining part of his duty was performed under General Order or Orders for a part of Detachment from competent authority as afore stated.
5. The names of the Militia officers under whom he served was as follows Colonels Jacobus VanSchoonhoven, Taylor, Gates, Adjutant Cook, Captains Vincent Taylor, Dunham, VanDenburgh. And the Continental officers who he knew were General Schuyler, Col Lewis, Col. McKinster.
6. We never received a written discharge at the close of any service was only verbally dismissed.
7. He would offer the names of Elder Andrew McKain & William Gleason who are known to him in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

(Signed) Henry Dun

Sworn & subscribed to in open court August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1833. A Goodrich, Clerk

Letter in file dated November 20, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3118, it appears that Henry Dun was born January 3, 1750, Old Style, in the Parish of White Horn, Scotland.

He landed at New York in 1774 and went to the town of Half Moon in Albany County, later Saratoga County, New York, remained there until near the close of the Revolutionary War, then removed to the adjoining town of Stillwater where he resided when he applied for pension August 28, 1833, and alleged that he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops as follows:

From in May 1778 various short tours of from one to five days, against the Indians and Tories, in Captain Jeremiah Vincent' Company, Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven's Regiment; later in 1776, one month in Captain Vincent's Company, Colonel McCrea's Regiment; in 1777, six months in Captain Teunis Vischer's Company as a batteau man and was engaged in transporting supplies, while thus engaged he was wounded in the heel; later in 1777 he was called out on various short alarms; in 1778, one month in Captain Joshua Taylor's Company in an expedition to Cherry Valley; from about the middle of September, 1778, one month in Captain Hezekiah Dunham's Company, Colonel Yates' Regiment and in the same year one month under the same captain; in 1779, one month or six weeks in Captain Joshua Taylor's Company under Major Ezekiel Taylor and from in October, 1779, one month in Captain John Vandenberg's Company also other short tours of from one to three weeks, no dates or officers names given.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish satisfactory proof of six months military service as was required by the pension laws.

In 1835, one Peter Dun stated that he was heir to Henry Dun, but his relationship is not shown, and there are no further family data.

The above noted is the only Henry Dun, under any spelling of the surname, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.