

Pension Application for Henry Grawbarger or Grawberger

R.4216

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this 29th day of August 1837 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Saratoga & State of New York now setting at the Court-House in the Village of Ballston Spa Henry Grawberger a resident of the town of Half Moon in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 7th 1832.

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

That in the year 1777 in the month of May the first of said months as near as this deponent can now recollect he this deponent entered the service of the United States as a private in a company of Militia of the State of New York which company was commanded by Captain Henry Vanderhoof in which company _____ Ford was Lieutenant and Jacob Hallenbeck was Ensign this company belonged to Col. Peter Yates Regiment The company in which deponent belonged and in which he served were marched to Lake George when they were stationed as a guard and remained on duty until the last of July or the first of August of the same year when they returned after a tour of service of three months as near as this deponent can now recollect.

And this deponent further saith that in the year 1778 in the month of May about the middle of the same as near as he can now recollect he was again called into service in the same company and in the same Regiment as aforesaid, that they marched to Fort Edward where they were stationed that during their stay this deponent was engaged as a Guard at that post and the company were also employed in protecting the forage wagons passing from Fort Edward to Lake George in the service this deponent continued until the last of July following the date of his [?] when this deponent together with his company were dismissed and returned home after a tour of service of two months as near as this deponent can now recollect.

And this deponent further saith that after a short stay at home on in the month of August of the same year this deponent was again called out in the same company and returned to Fort Edward when they were again stationed and remained until October when they were dismissed and returned home this last tour of service was two months and more as near as this deponent now recollects.

And this deponent further saith that in the month of July the 30th of the same in the year 1779 this deponent was again called out into service under the same captain went again to Fort Edward and remained there until the ninth of August—following when this deponent together with no company was dismissed and returned home.

And this deponent further saith that during that year 1779, 80, & to 81 this deponent was called into service at a great number of time the tours of service was short and generally performed on the northern frontier.

And this deponent further saith that in the year 1781 in the month of August or September to the best of this deponent's recollection and belief he this deponent was again called into the service of the United States in a company of Militia of the State of New York which company was commanded by Captain Wetherwax in which company this deponent served as Ensign.

This company was stationed at a place called then Renport and FishKreek or Salem, Washington County the object of this call this deponent understood was the guard that section against the invasions of the Tories and Indians. In that capacity this deponent remained at the station above named four weeks when the company was dismissed and returned home.

And this deponent further saith that on the 19th day of November 1833 or 34 he this deponent made an application for a pension before the Hon. Herman Knickerbacker, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] for the County of Rensselaer where this deponent then resided and that said declaration was left in the hands of the said Judge to be forwarded to the war office. That this deponent verally [verily] believed that said declaration had so been forwarded from the assueauce of the said Judge that it should so be until a year or more thereafter then this deponent on pressing enquiry learned that they had never been forwarded and was returned to his deponent defaced by misuseage and not legable owing to there being worn out. And this deponent further saith that he thus called on Smith of said Rensselaer County of prepare his papers who did so & forwarded them in Jany 1837 which declaration was returned as informal generally, the above reasons this deponent here offer as a cause of delay in his application.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary in his possession whereby he can more distinctly ascertain his service and he knows of no persons living except whose affadavits hereunto annexed whose testimony he can procure to more particularly identify his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that the foregoing contains a true and honest history of his services as near as he can recollect.

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

1. That he was born in the town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess State of New York on the 27th day of September 1758.

2. Has a Record of his age in his family Bible which was copied from the family Bible of his father's family.

3. He resided in the town of Schaghticoke in the County of Rensselaer & State of New York at the time he entered the service of the united States—he continued to reside there during the war of the same from which country he removed to the town of Half Moon Saratoga County where he now resides.

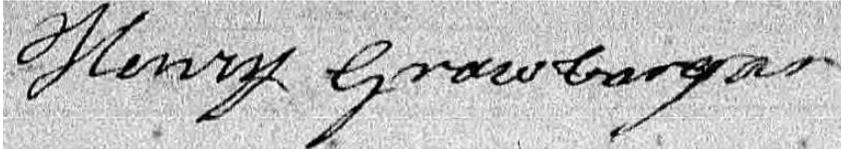
4. That he entered the service of the United States as by general order or as a volunteer.

5. He states that he was acquainted with General Schuyler General Tenbroack, Col Peter Yates, Col Jacobus VanSchoonhoven, Major Richard VanVechten and as to the general & circumstances of his services they are set forth in the foregoing declaration.

7. He never received a written discharge but was dismissed at the period of every tour of service.

And he further saith that he is personally with Richard Vail & Seth W. Higgins who reside in his vicinity and who he offers as testimony as to his character for truth and veracity and his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all 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.

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Henry Grawburg". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of August 1837. A. Goodrich, Clerk