

### **Pension Application for John Harder**

R.4591 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married September 12, 1781. John died in June of the year 1824.

State of New York

City of Hudson SS.

On this tenth of October 1837 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson, Elizabeth Hansen of the town of Germantown in said County aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she was seventy three years of age last winter, & is the widow of John Harden late of said German Town deceased.

That her said husband was a soldier of the Revolution & served as orderly sergeant & ensign in the Company of Capt. Teale Rockefeller & Regiment of Colonel Peter R. Livingston.

That she has been informed by her said husband in his life time & by other soldiers of the Revolution now living that her said husband was out in service in said Company in the spring of 1776 as far north as Greenbush where he served two weeks--& again during the fall or fore part of winter of 1776 he was at Fishkill two full months.

And again in the spring & summer of 1777 he was at the North Fort Edward six weeks—and again in the fall of 1777 he was at Stillwater & Saratoga at the taking of Burgoyne two months & again in the fall of 1781 he was out at Balltown & Saratoga six weeks, in all which period he was in the service of the United States as ensign or orderly sergeant & each service was performed under the officers aforesaid except the service at Fishkill \* for that service he was drafted & had command of the men drafted from said Rockefellers Company, but what captain he served under at Fishkill she cannot now as certain.

And this applicant further says that she was married to said John Harden on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1781--& she is confident he was out in said service of the said marriage as specified above in the fall of 1781—

That her said husband died in June of the year 1824, & she has remained a widow ever since.

That she has a record of the marriage in an old Dutch Prayer Book, but no other Record or proof of said marriage or said service other than what is hereto annexed to which she refers for more full & particular proof. That this applicant has always supposed that her said husband was a commissioned officer during all said service, but had been informed that the records do not show any commission till 1782 & she applies for such pension as she may justly be entitled to by reason of said act of Congress & the services of her said husband. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Harden

In presence of John I. Harder. L Sworn in open court the day & year aforesaid.  
P. Dean Carrique Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 12, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.4591, it is alleged that John Harder served as orderly sergeant and ensign in Captain Diell Rockefeller's Company, Colonel Peter P. Livingston's New Your Regiment as follows:

In the spring of 1776, two weeks; in the fall and winter of 1776, two months; in June and July, 1777, six weeks; in the fall of 1777, two months and was at the taking of Burgoyne; in the fall of 1780 and in the fall of 1781, six weeks in each year in the pursuit of the Indians.

The soldier married, September 12, 1781, Elizabeth, her maiden name is not stated. He died in June 1824.

She applied for pension October 10, 1837, at which time she was living in Germantown, New York, and stated that she was "seventy-three years of age last winter".

The claim was not allowed as it was not proven that he was in the service after their marriage nor was there proof of six months service, all of which was required by the pension law under which she applied.

Their children are referred to, only name stated being John I. Harder, who was fifty-three years old in 1854 and living in Germantown, New York.

The above noted is the only John Harder, all spellings researched, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.