

Pension Application for Henry Hawley or Holley

S.13241

State of New York

Saratoga County

On the sixth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Henry Hawley a resident of the town of Clifton Park in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged 76 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 and served under the following named officers.

That in the year 1776 about the first of May he this deponent entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the militia of the State of New York as a substitute for his this deponents Brother David Hawley who was drafted from a company of militia of the town of Nobletown in the county of Albany and State of New York for the term of six months which company he this deponent entered as above stated that Ithemer Spencer commanded said company that Thomas Brown was first Lieutenant Matthias Ray was Second Lieutenant that the above mentioned company was ordered to march to Fort George he this deponent thinks that Colonel Gansevoort commanded that they were ordered from there to a place called Wood Creek but now called Fort Ann in Washington County in this state that at that place he this deponent believes Colonel Gates commanded under General Schuyler of Albany and this deponent further says that he was in service at this period six months, that he called at Albany for the purpose of procuring his discharge, but the proper officers could not be found. He was then in a poor state of health and did not receive any written discharge.

That in the year 1778 in the month of August as near as this deponent can recollect he this deponent again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Higgins Conkling which Conkling was drafted from a company of Militia of the town of Armenia in the County of Dutchess in the state of New York, the length of time for which he the said Conkling was drafted to serve was three months and that he the deponent entered as a substitute subject to the same that Captain Wheeler commanded said company but the names of the other Subaltern officers this deponent does not now recollect that this deponent was stationed to go to the [?] the rest of said company at Fishkill near the Hudson River that he entered the service on this last expedition about the first of August and served one month when the company was dismissed. He received no written discharge.

I have no documentary evidence, and know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service except what is hereto annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he the deponent was born in the State of Rhode Island in the town of South Kingston on the 10th day of December 1755 that he [?] in the town of Nobletown

in the then County of Albany now County of Columbia State of New York that he lived in the town of Amenia Dutchess County State of New York at the close of the Revolutionary War and now lives in the town of Clifton Park Saratoga County State of New York that during said war he thus served his country as a militia man in actual service at least seven months.

To the interrogatories propounded by the Court I answer as follows.

1st I was born in South Kingston Rhode Island Sept'r 10th 1755.

2nd I have no record of my age but the family record is in the possession of my brother at Scipio Cayuga County, N. York from which I derive the information.

3rd I was living at Nobletown now Hillsdale Columbia County N.Y. when called into service. Since the Revolutionary war I have resided in the Amenia Dutchess County in Schodack Rensselaer County, and Clifton Park Saratoga County New York.

4th I was a substitute for Daniel Hawley in the first period of my service and in my second, for Higgins Conklin.

5. In answer to the fifth interrogatory I have stated all that I can now recollect.

6. I never received a written discharge from the service.

7. I would refer to Elder Job Champion and Joseph Reed Esq as persons in my neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution—and also to Seth W. Higgins of the same place for the same purpose. (Signed) Henry Holley

Sworn & subscribed to in open court the 6th September 1832. Thomas Palmer Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 4, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry Hawley, who was born December 10, 1755, in South Kingston, Rhode Island, names of his parents not shown.

While a resident of Nobletown, Albany County (later Hillsdale, Columbia County), New York, Henry Hawley enlisted about the first of May 1776, served six months as substitute for his brother, Daniel Hawley, in Captain Ithemar Spencer's company, Colonel Gansevoort's New York regiment; enlisted about August 1, 1778, served one month in Captain Wheeler's New York company.

At the close of the Revolution, Henry Hawley was living in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, moved thence to Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York, and then to Clifton Park, Saratoga County, New York.

Henry Hawley was allowed pension on his application executed September 6, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Clifton Park, New York.

Date and place of marriage and name of his wife are not shown.

In November 1837, Henry Hawley moved to Thompson, Sullivan County, New York to live with a son and in June 1838, he moved to Half Moon, Saratoga County, New York to live with another son, their names are not shown.

In 1832, Henry Hawley referred to a brother living in Scipio, Cayuga County, New York, his name not shown.

In April 1838, one John Holley was resident of Sullivan County, New York, his relationship to the soldier not stated.