

Pension Application for James Hogeboom

S.13457

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19th day of September personally appeared in open Court before Aaron Haring, Abraham Morrell, Samuel A. Gilbert, John Hand & Henry Diefendorf the Court of Common Pleas now sitting James Hogboom or resident of the town of Northhampton in the County of Montgomery & State of New York aged eighty two years, who being first duly 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 & served as herein stated in the year 1775, I was a resident of the town of Claverick County of Albany now the County of Columbia & at the age of twenty one I entered the service at the town & County aforesaid as an Ensign & received my commission which has long since been lost or destroyed the company to which I belonged was commanded by Capt Jeremiah Miller, the regiment was commanded by Col. Robert VanRensselaer & the Brigade by General TenBrook—

I think it was in the month of May 1775 that I received my Ensigns Commission but am not certain we remained at Claverick [Claverack] if I am not mistaken the whole of the year 1775 improving ourselves in the use of arms & preventing the tories from committing depredations in the 1776 I am unable to state distinctly from the loss of memory particularly, how we were employed but have an indistinct recollection that in that year we went to Fort Edward & Fort George for the purpose of protecting the military stores at that place the inhabitants and their property; we remained at those places about four months & returned to Claverick—

In the month of May 1777 our regiment was ordered to Fort George under the command of Col. Van Rensselaer when we arrived at Fort Edward we encamp'd under the command of Gen Schuyler who commanded the northern department some troops were still at Fort George but in consequence of the rapid approach of Genl Burgoyne & his army the stores were ordered to be removed to Fort Edward & evacuate Fort George some of the waggoners [wagoners] conveying the stores were taken prisoners & the retreat cut off we had immediate orders to march to their relief on our way to Fort George we fell in with the Indians and after a sharp skirmish the Indians retreated & we relieved our troops stationed at Fort George saved the stores & returned to Fort Edward where he remained for some time how long I do not recollect we were ordered by Genl Schuyler to retreat from Fort Edward to a place called Snook Creek a short distance from Fort Edward we left in possession of the fort a few men, a short time after we arrived at Snook Crook one of the men who was left at the Fort forded the river & came to our camp at Snook Creek & informed as that the Fort was besieged by a party of Indians Genl Ten Brook enquired who would volunteer to go to their relief my Capt. Jeremiah Miller volunteered to take the command & I also volunteered as Ensign & took the charge of the advance guard upon our arrival opposite the Fort we heard a noise in the river & upon the near approach & discovered them to be our

troops who had made their escape during the night from the fort we all returned to the main army—

In a few days we were ordered to Moses Creek where we made best work of trees how long we remained I cannot tell we were commanded there by Genl TenBrook while we were on the picket guard which was about half a mile from the main army, the main army retreated towards Saratoga & we were driven into the breast work by Burgoyne regulars & Indians, I recollect Lieut Statts was wounded on that occasion on the approach of night we made our escape & joined the main body at Saratoga where we destroyed as much of the harvest as we could to prevent Burgoyne from procuring supplies as we supposed he was short Genl Schuyler had his grain appraised & I was one [of the] appraisers together with a Mr. VanVeghten before we destroyed his crops; how long we remained there I do not know, but after we destroyed the grain was destroyed we retreated to Stillwater, but just before our march Genl Ten Brooks Brigade Major both deserted and one Lewis Morris son of Judge Morris I believe & myself done the duty of Brigade Majors until our arrival at Half Moon where did remain but a short time Genl Gates took command then and ordered us to march immediately back to Stillwater & pitch our tents on Bemis [Bemis] Heights, troops came in from every direction & we soon had a large army.

Burgoyne's Army lay a short distance from us we had skirmishes every day with the enemy & generally came off victories—sometime in October the general battle took place we drove the enemy out of their breast works & took from them I think six brass field pieces in two or three days the enemy retreated to Saratoga our army followed the enemy close to that place where Genl Burgoyne our regiment returned to Claverick & each man repaired to his home & engaged in his private business where there was no active military duties to perform in the year 1778 in the month of June I received a Lieutenants commission which herewith accompanie [accompany] this my declaration and orders, Lieut Col. Henry VanRensselaer to go through the towns of Claverick & Livingston for the purpose of collecting Grain & flouer [flour] for the use of the army which was to be deposited at the several miles & upon presenting a rec'pt of the number of bushels deposited Col. VanRensselaer gave a certificate to draw the money. I was engaged in this kind of service until March 1779—

In the year 1780 in the month of May I think we march'd from Claverick to Caughnawaga under Capt. Jeremiah Miller & Col. Robert VanRenssealer in order [to] defeat the Indians & tories who had burnt the place & destroyed several [lives?] –

In going to Caughnawaga we passed through Albany, Schenectady & so along the Mohawk River we remained at Caughnawaga Johnstown & along the valley of the Mohawk for three months & the Indians & tories not returning to do further injury we were ordered back to Claverick in September of the same year we were ordered a 2d time to march for Caughnawaga under the command of Col. Robert VanRensselaer upon our arrival at Caughnawaga Genl James Clinton took the command in person we met the Indians & tories & a severe battle ensued the enemy retreated & we pursued until they crossed the enemy retreated & we pursued until they crossed the Mohawk

river next morning we continued on but could not over take them we were absent on this tour about three months before we returned to Claverick—

In the year 1781 our regiment was ordered to go to Schoharie under the command of Col. VanRensselaer when we arrived at Schenectady we ordered to remain there until further orders where we did remaining for two months and a half when we were dismissed—

I know of no person now living whose testimony I can procure or can testify to my service.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court.

1st Where and in what year were you born? Born in the town of Claverick County of Albany now the County of Columbia & State of New York in the month of January 1750.

2^d Have you any record of your age? I have none.

3^d Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live. At the town of Claverick County of Albany & State of New York, I continued to live in Claverick County of Albany until Feb'y 1809 where I removed to the town of Northhampton County of Montgomery & State of New York where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental militia regiments as you recollect & the general circumstances of your service. At Bemas [Bemis] Height—Col. VanSchaick commanded a regiment of regular or continental troops Capt. David Van Ness & Lieut. John VanNess belonged to the same regiment, I am unable from the lapse of time to give a more general or detailed history of my services than is contained in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? I never received a discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution. Clark S. Grinnell & Samuel A. Gilbert.

I do 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.
(Signed) James Hogeboom

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, clerk