

## **Pension Application for Henry James**

R.5545

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Court not sitting Henry James a resident of the town of Hopewell in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty six 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 as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> At Albany on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1776 he enlisted in Captain Teunis Fisher's Company in Colonel Wynkoop's Regiment went to Johnstown and then to Lake George and then to Ticonderoga and was there all summer and in the latter part of October got to leave to go home, and after remaining at home about four weeks, he returned to Skeensboro and

2d He joined Captain Petersons Company in Colonel Webbs Regiment and when the Lake opened in the Spring of 1777, went to Ticonderoga and when our army retreated he came to Stillwater and was on VanSchaick's Island with the main body of our army. He was in the Battle of Stillwater before the surrender of General Burgoyne [Burgoyne] and after his capture he was part of the guard that went with the prisoners to Hartford after this he went to White Plains and joined his company under Captain Peterson, after this went to Windsor and in winter got a furlough and went home to his Father's near Albany and the latter part of

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1778 went back to Windsor and continued in the army, and was at the Battle in Brandywine and afterwards at Yorktown at the capture of Cornwallis. He knew General Greene and General Washington. After the capture of Cornwallis he was discharged and went home. By reason of the infirmities of age his is unable to give the dates of his service but he does say he was in the service of the United States from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1776 until after the capture of Cornwallis as before recited.

He knew Generals Gates has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He was born at Greenwich Rhode Island on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1746. Has no record of his age and cannot read nor write, never was learned, never could write his name, after the war, lived at a place called Newtown about 20 miles from Albany.

About 20 years ago he moved into Ontario County, he lived in Bloomfield and Canandaigua for twenty years past and now lives a the County Poor House in Hopewell and has lived there for six years. He is very deaf in consequence of injury received during the war and in consequence of which he was excused for serving as Sentinel, but he did any other duty and refused to leave the service, and did not leave until after the capture of Cornwallis as aforesaid.

He knows William McCleary & Joshua Case.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Henry James.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Charles Crane, Clerk of said Court. September 1, 1832.