

Pension Application for Henry Newkirk

R.7622

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.
State of Indiana
Franklin County SS.

On this 14th day of October A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Franklin Circuit Court now in session, Henry Newkirk a resident of the Township of Brookville in the County of Franklin and State of Indiana aged 75 years who being duly first sworn according to law, doth, on his oath made the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted as a private soldier, in the army of the United States as a private soldier, the first of September 1778, in Captain John Newkirk's (1) company in the first regiment of the New York line, (2) commanded by col. William Falkoner (3)—the enlistment was for nine months or longer if required—Entered the service at the time above stated at Newburgh on the North river, from thence we marched to Albany from thence to Fort Plaine (4) on the German Flatts, from thence to Fort Schyler [Schuyler] (5), where winter overtook us and on the 22nd of December 1778 we started on our return to Newburgh, where we laid until the spring of 1779—that during this before mentioned campaign he was in the battle of the Mohawk river in October 1778 (6) and was wounded in his breast—In June 1779 we marched from Newburgh to the Short Hills N. Jersey and staid during the summer in New Jersey, marching to Trenton, Princeton (8) &c in October or thereabouts was in the battle of Paoli (7) And was wounded in his left thigh, and the bullet is still undisturbed—That afterwards in the same fall he was in the battle of Princeton and had my skull fractured—Colonel Washington (9) commanded us at the battle of Princeton—That he staid with his company, marching through that part of New Jersey till the winter came on, and then returned to New Burgh and staid till the Spring of 1780 and then marched to West Point and commenced building the Fort and public buildings, and staid there in active service till the summer of 1781 when we marched to Germantown, Pa. and in September marched to York Town (10) and was in the battle and from there marched back to NewBurgh NY and was discharged in September 1782. That he was in active service under the enlistment above stated from the first of September 1778 the time until the first of September 1782, and all [??] first enlistment as above stated, that all his service was as a private soldier—That he resided in the County of Ulster in the State of New York when he entered the service—That he got a written discharge but that it is now lost. That during his service he was under different officers as the service required but that he belonged to the first regiment of the New York line. (11)

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

Sworn to and Subscribed this day & year aforesaid. Robert John Clk F.C.C.

End Notes—R.7622—Henry Newkirk

1. John Newkirk was appointed second lieutenant on October 25, 1775 in Captain Mathias Felter's (Felton) Fourth Company (Hanover Precinct) in Colonel James Clinton's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia. John Was commissioned captain on March 23, 1778 in Colonel James McClaughrey's Regiment. McClaughrey replaced Clinton as he had gone to into Continental service as a Colonel and then promoted to brigadier general.
2. The First New York Continental Regiment was commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick. Henry's name was not found on the muster rolls of this regiment.
3. William Faulkner served as a Captain in Colonel Clinton's and Colonel McClaughery's Regiment. Captains John Newkirk and William Faulkner were never part of the First New York.
4. Fort Plain was not at the German Flats. Fort Dayton was built there in 1776.
5. The First New York arrived in November of 1778, at Fort Schuyler to replace the Third New York Continental Regiment as garrison of the fort. The First New York remained at this fort until October of 1780.
6. There is not a known battle for October in 1778 near the Mohawk River. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought on October 19, 1780. The only way for Henry to be in this battle he would have to serve in Colonel Lewis DuBois' Regiment of New York State Levies. Henry's name was not found in this regiment.
7. The Battle of Paoli, Pennsylvania was fought on September 20, 1777. The Americans were the Pennsylvania Division under Brigadier General Anthony Wayne. Henry's name was not found on the muster rolls of any of the regiments that was at Paoli. Many of these troops had fought at Brandywine, Pennsylvania on September 11, 1777.
8. The Battle of Princeton, New Jersey was fought on January 3, 1777. Henry was old enough to serve as early as 1776 but the Ulster County Militia was not in those battles or campaigns.
9. Commander-in-Chief General George Washington had the command of the troops at Princeton not Colonel William Washington of the First Light Dragoons Continental Regiment.
10. The Yorktown Virginia Campaign was from September 28, 1781 to October 19, 1781.
11. A pay receipt was found for service from October 14 to October 16, 1778 in Captain Felter's Company in Colonel McClaughrey's Regiment. He was owed £2. . 13. . 4. The roll was dated October 21, 1778 at Hanover, Ulster County. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, Folder 126, National Archives, Washington, D.C.