

Pension Application for Henry Runkle

S.14388

State of New York

City and County of Albany SS

On this twenty eight day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me, Gerrit J. Dox, one of the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Albany. Henry Runkle of the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany who in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832, made the following declaration.

That he was born in the County of Dutchess that he is now seventy eight years old.

That he knows of no record but believes there was a record of his age which was burnt at the time that his Father's house was burnt. That he now resides in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany who In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832, made the following Declaration.

That he was born in the County of Dutchess that he is now seventy eight years old. That he knows of no record, but believes there as a record of his age which was burnt at the time that his Father's house was burnt. That he now resides in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany and has always resided there since he was four years old.

That in the fall of the year 1775, land while he resided in the said town of Watervliet, he was called into the service of the United States In the War of the Revolution and entered the said service as a private soldier and volunteer Militia man in the militia of the State of New York. That his officers so far as he now recollects the same were as follows. Henry Outhoudt of Watervliet aforesaid Captain Levinus F. Lansing of the same town first Lieutenant Jacob F. Lansing Second Lieutenant, Timothy Hutton, Ensign.

That the Colonel of his regiment was Francis Nichol as he believes of the County of Albany. But of what town he does not recollect. Philip Schuyler was Lieutenant Colonel and Abraham Fonda Major both of he Town of Watervliet and General Abraham TenBroeck of the City of Albany was general but whether a Brigadier or Major general he does not now recollect. That in the year 1775 aforesaid he marched from Albany to Fort George in the State of New York to guard that fort and was there on actual duty twenty three days and returned home.

And in the Spring of 1776 he was again ordered out and went to Saratoga and Fort Edward and remained there Twenty three days, then returned home and in July of the same year was again ordered out and wen tto Fort Edward and remained twenty one days and in the fall of same year was again called out and went to Fort Edward and remained there twenty one days. That his officers were the same has he believes, and was attached to a Regiment under the command of Major Jacob Schermerhorn of Schodack went up to Fort Edward and on his way from Fort Edward to Fort Ann met the army after the Battle at Fort Ann and returned with them to Fort Edward where he remained twenty one days. And in the fall of same year was again called out and went

to Fort Edward and remained there twenty one days. That his officers were the same as he believes during this year.

That in the year 1777 was again ordered out together with half his company as he believes, land was attached to a Regiment under command of Major Jacob Schermerhorn of Schodack went up to Fort Edward and on his way from Fort Edward to Fort Ann met the army after the Battle at Fort Ann, and returned with them for Fort Edward where he remained on duty for twenty nine days was ordered out in July of same year, went to Fort Edward and remained there and about there and about there [sic] on duty twenty eight days, returned home and in the month of September as he believes was again ordered out and joined the Northern Army under command of Major General Gates where he remained thirty two days. And was there at the surrender of General Burgoyne.

In the year 1778 was ordered out and went to Schoharie to Guard the Country against the disaffected a [sic] Tories and the Indians. That he was called out three different times during this year. On the said service and was out on actual duty seventy seven days in all. That in the year 1779 was again called out and went to Schoharie to apprehend Tories and was out on a scouting part eight days under William Hun Captain.

That in 1779 he was again ordered out and went to Schoharie and remained out on actual duty during that year ninety nine days.

That in 1780 he was again ordered out to Fort Hunter above Schenectady and to Schoharie four different times and was out in all during this year one hundred and five days.

That in 1781 he was out to the same places in all during this year thirty nine days and in 1782 he was ordered he was ordered out [sic] to Schoharie and Fort Herkimer in all sixty six days. That the above number of days service are those in which he now recollects he was actually engaged in the service and he does verily believe that the same are put down within [tours?]. That he was frequently ordered out on scouting parties and was out for short periods at different times which are not included in the number of days above stated. That in the above statement he has been careful to put down only such days and times as he can now recollect with certainty.

That he never was in any Battle but has been in skirmishes one between men with the command of Sir John Johnson and Americans under command of General VanRensselaer in the year 1782.

That there is not to his knowledge any documentary evidence of his services. That during the time he was in the service of the United States as before stated herein he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

That this declarant is well acquainted with Peter Shafer, William Orloff, Wynant & E. VanDenBergh, and Isaac Groat all now living and in the county of Albany and that they all or some of them were in the service of the United States with him, in the ar of the Revolution and are personally knowing to his services as herein detailed or a part thereof. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or

annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and I the said Justice do hereby declare that from my knowledge of the man and the history he gives of his services, that the above named was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. (Signed with his mark) Henry Runkle

Sworn & Subscribed this 20th day of march 1833 before me. Gerrit L. Dox one of the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany.

Letter in folder dated April 23, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers In the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14388, it appears that Henry Runkle was born in Dutchess County, New York, sate not stated.

While a resident of Watervliet, New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1775 and served with the New York Troops at various times until sometime in 1781, about nineteen months in all, as private under Captain Henry Outhoudt, Colonel Francis Nichol, and Major Jacob Schermerhorn; was at the surrender of Burgoyne.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 28, 1833, while a resident of Watervliet, Albany County, New York, aged seventy-eight years.

There is no data on file relative to his family.