

Pension Application for Henry Terboss

R.10457

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twelfth day of September personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at the Court House in Kingston in the County of Ulster aforesaid Henry Terboss a Resident of the Town of Marlborough in the County & state aforesaid aged seventy 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven some time in the spring deponent was enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Stephen Case Lieutenant Mathew Whygart and Ensign Alesander Crossey whose affidavit is annexed all of the town of Marlborough aforesaid in which company Josiah Merret was Orderly Sergeant and company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Merret was orderly serjeant and company belonged to a regiment commanded by Colonel Jonathan Hardenbergh and was divided into detachments one of which was constantly on duty and the whole company called out on general alarms the counties of Orange and Ulster were almost surrounded by the Brittish [British] and Indians for the time of the Revolutionary War. The Tories were also very numerous and lurked in the surrounding mountains watching every opportunity to rush from their dens and lay waste the surrounding country sometimes these depredations aforesaid the humble character of midnight theft & at others the they opposed under the more disaffected from of licensed robbery and were conducted by men acting under the sanction of commissions served from our IMajesty George the Third. This rendered it necessary to be always on guard either on the frontiers or in the county whilst others were [?] the mountains. At the time Fort Montgomery was taken there was a general alarm and deponent with the rest of the company to which he belonged turned out and rendezvoused at NewBergh in Orange County now then County of Ulster.

When we arrived at NewBurgh we here thereof the surrender of Fort Montgomery we were then ordered to the square about four miles west from the river in the Town of New Windsor aforesaid to be in readiness to resist the landing from the Brittish fleet in case they should attempt it passing up the river as they were then expected to do. We were encamped at the square when they passed up [?] Regiment of Regulars were encamped on a height at this place. They had taken a spy by the name of Taylor who was then confined in a back room of Wright's log house with others we were ordered to march with our regiment under command of Colonel Jonathan Hardenbergh for Kingston and arrived there about the same time Burgoine surrendered we remained here a short time & our company was ordered back.

When the Brittish fleet returned we were on the shore at Marlborough. We were under arms one fortnight and were then discharged and returned home.

In the month of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight said company was ordered to Fishkill Town, having volunteered to service three months. We marched under the command of Captain Stephen Case to Newburgh then crossed the river and proceeded to Fishkill Valley where we converted the Episcopal Church into a Guard house whilst at this place we were attacked to Colonel Hawthorn's regiment who commanded in proper person.

There were a great many militia at this place but deponent does not now recollect who commanded there. Deponent has no doubt but that there were regular troops here also from the Circumstance of frequently seeing men brought up and flogged on their bare backs which was a mark of distinction never conferred on the militia to the knowledge of deponent. Deponent cannot recollect who commanded the Regular troops General Isaac Bellknap Alexander [?] aforesaid and Cornelius Polhamis whose affidavits are annexed where there at the same time our company remained at Fishkill one month to the best of his recollection and belief and deponent also saith that in the month of May in the year last aforesaid there was an alarm commonly called the Great alarm.

The British were expected up the river. We were first ordered down to West Point & went by water to that place from West Point we were ordered to the forrest of [?] to prevent the enemy from coming on that post by surprise we marched at night & were ordered not to speak lest we might give notice to some detachment of the enemy on their way of our approach. We lay about two miles west of Fort Montgomery on the [?] Kill near the bald mountain under command of Colonel Johnson we remained on this tour one month and were then discharged by General George Clinton at West Point. General Washington being present with the Marquis LaFayette and other general officers.

Deponent also saith that he was frequently out at other times but can not now distinctly recollect them nor eth duration of his service deponent well recollects that said company were bound to serve for and during the war to be always ready armed and equipped, to serve at one minutes warning & deponent also saith that he well recollects that Isaac Demott of the Town of Marlborough served in the said Company of Captain Stephen Case at the same time with deponent and deponent also saith that in the fall of the year the said company were all ordered out again on a general alarm it proved to be a false alarm some persons had wantonly set fire to the combustibles on the south Beacon in Fishkill Mountains opposite to Newburgh.

And in answer to the Interrogatories specially put to this deponent by the said court he saith.

That he was born at Marlborough in the County of Ulster and State of New York in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two. That he has a record of his age at home in his family bible that when called into service he was living at Marlborough aforesaid & has lived there ever since that period and still lives there. Deponent entered the service as a volunteer to serve during the war in the volunteer company of militia of Captain Stephen Case. In addition to the general officers before names who were present at West Point when we was discharged at that place namely

General George Washington General LaFayette & General George Clinton. Deponent well recollects General Malcolm from the circumstance of rowing them down the river to West Point in Company with General Isaac Bellknap whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

That deponent has already stated all the circumstances of service and such continental and militia regiments as he can recollect.

That he never received a written discharge from the service.

That he is well acquainted with Isaac Demott Allen Undercrossy & Allen Luster all of whom live in Marlborough aforesaid and served in the said company of Captain Case in the Revolutionary War & also with General Isaac Bellknap whose affidavit is annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. (Signed) Henry Terboss

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. G. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges &c.

Letter in folder dated October 16, 1896, written in response to an inquiry.

Replying to your request for information concerning the military record of Henry Terboss or Henry Bosh, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you are advised that Henry Terboss made application for pension on September 12, 1832, at which time he was seventy years of age and residing at Marlborough, Ulster County, N.Y. He served as a private in the New York troops under Capt. Stephen Case and Col. Hawthorn. He enlisted at Ulster County, N.Y.

His claim was rejected however on the ground that he rendered but five months and twenty-four days service, whereas the Act of March 4, 1832, required six months service.