

Pension Application for Henry Tice

W.2705 (Widow: Huldah)

At a special court held, pursuant to the Regulations of the wars department in such case made and provided before the Hon. Grant B. Baldwin first Judge of Tioga County in the State of New York at the house of Henry Tice in The Town of Chemung in the said County, land by adjournment at the House of Jacob Lowman in the same place on the 2nd day of October 1832.

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On this second day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge before named who is the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tioga and State aforesaid which is a court of record because made so by the laws and constitution of the state having by law a clerk & seal, Henry Tice, a resident of the said Town of Chemung, County & State aforesaid aged seventy years the 16th day of July last 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 the 7th 1832; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of July in the year 1778 this deponent being sixteen years of age at the time and understanding that he was bound to perform military duty. The militia in the County of Ulster in the State of New York where this deponent resided were call'd upon under Co. John Johnson of Shawangunk in the same county to enroll, muster and turn out for defense against the Indians and tories upon the frontier of what composes the counties of Orange and Sullivan but was then mostly the frontier of Ulster County aforesaid.

It was understood that those who did onto volunteer must stand a draft and this deponent choose [chose] to volunteer and did so for no certain period of service but for as long as the circumstances might require, he turned out a volunteer in the company commanded by Capt. John Newkirk of the Regiment of Col. Johnson before named.

We were march'd on to the out posts which extended to the Delaware River. He was stationed on garrison duty (with the exception of occasionally acting as a scout and spie) [spy] at Fort Devens as it was called being originally the dwelling house of James Devens but picketed and stockade for a Fort; this campaign lasted a few days beyond four months when our company were believed by fresh troops and we were permitted to return home.

In the spring of the next year 1779 he again turned out as a volunteer under Captain Henry VanCure of the same Regiment aforesaid and we understood at the time that Gov. George Clinton had issued orders for all the militia in the regiment to be furnished with arms and ammunition wand we were accordingly armed and equipped and were march'd on to the frontier where we continued for three months; were then relieved by other troops when we were march'd into the interior of the County and on to the North River visiting the places of Esopus New Paltz and

Shawangunk and acting as spies, guards and scouts, being subject to frequent alarms on account of the Tories.

In this service the declarant continued for upwards of four years, the out posts not being wholly abandoned till in the fall of 1783 to which period this deponent pursued no other business from the month of July 1778 when he first entered the service; that during the said time he was so engaged in the service the country through which he march'd was the frontier of Orange and Ulster Counties and what is now Sullivan County including the interior of those counties and their borders upon the North River, and that their principal encampments upon the frontier were Fort Devens, Fort Hund and Fort Rose.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said services but has one living witness to the general nature of them who is Christopher Tice of the Town of Chemung aforesaid.

And in answer to the several interrogatories put to him by the Judge aforesaid he says that he was born in the Town of Montgomery County of Ulster and State of New York on the 16th day of July in the year 1762.

That he has a record of his age in his family Bible which he received from his parents.

That when he first entered the service in the Revolutionary War he lived at a place call'd by the inhabitants at that time Poconsink in the County of Ulster aforesaid and lived at the same place two or three years after the war. Then lived in the Town of MamaCotten same County about twenty years and lastly at his present residence in Chemung about thirty years.

That he served as a volunteer—that the Field officers who were with the troops where he served at different times were Gov. Clinton—Gen James Clinton, Col. Johnson and Col. Livingston of Dutchess County. That he had no discharge.

That he would refer to Jacob Lowman Esquire Jacob Knox Esquire and the Hon. John McDowell all of Chemung aforesaid and his neighbors who are well acquainted with his reputation for the truth and veracity and who can testify to this belief, in the truth of the foregoing declaration.

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 Tice

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. G. B. Baldwin, First Judge Tioga Co. NY.

Letter in folder dated October 3, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry Tice, who served from Ulster County, New York.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.2705, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Henry Tice.

Henry Tice was born July 16, 1762 in Montgomery, Ulster County, New York.

While a resident of Poconsink, Ulster County, New York, (then the home of his parents whose names are not give) he enlisted in the fall of 1777 and served one month as private in Captain John Newkirk's company, Colonel John Johnson's New York Regiment this service was rendered as substitute for his father. Henry Tice enlisted in July 1778, and served four months as private in said company and regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1779 and served during that year, six months in Captain Henry VanKuren's company, Colonel John Johnson's New York regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1780 and served during that year, three and one half months as private in Captain Henry VanKuren's company, Colonel John Johnson's New York regiment. He also went out on various alarms, the details of which are not given.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier lived in Poconsink, New York, for about two or three years, then lived about twenty years in Mamakating, Ulster County, New York and finally in Chemung, Tioga County, New York.

Henry Tice was allowed pension on his application executed October 2, 1832, while a resident of Chemung, Tioga County, New York. He died there October 7, 1851.

Henry Tice married August 20, 1792, Huldah; her maiden name, the date and place of her birth, the names of her parents, and the place of marriage are not shown.

Huldah Tice, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed March 6, 1852, at which time she was a resident of Chemung, New York; she was aged then eighty years. She died June 5, 1853.

In 1832, Christopher Tice, the soldier's brother, was a resident of Chemung, New York, aged seventy-two years.

In 1852, Susan Collson, Almira Collson, and Sarah Wheat, all resident of Chemung County, New York, made affidavits in behalf of Huldah Tice, the above noted widow, no relationship between these persons and the soldier's family was stated.