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Lib. to Am. J. W. Miller Aug 11. 1802

New Jersey

Henry Vail

of \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of New Jersey  
 who was a Priv. Stinger in the Army commanded  
 by Captain Sully of the Regt commanded  
 by Col. Ford in the Army  
 has for Ensign's pay \_\_\_\_\_ \$120.00  
 Private's pay \_\_\_\_\_ 33.33

\$153.33

Inscribed on the Rolls of New Jersey  
 at the rate of 153 Dollars 33 Cents per annum,  
 to commence on the 5th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833  
 and paid to J. L. Condit  
 of \_\_\_\_\_

Amounts to 5th of J. A. 1832 \_\_\_\_\_ \$229.94  
 Sergeant's allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1831 \_\_\_\_\_ 76.66

\$306.60

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
 Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by Vincent Luce Clerk  
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DECLARATION, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT  
OF CONGRESS, PASSED JUNE 7, 1832.

STATE OF NEW-JERSEY, } Morris Com. Pleas, special term, July & August 1832.  
County of Morris } ss.

On this eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared, in open court, before the Judges of the Superior

the court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting at Allentown, in the County of Morris, and State of New-Jersey, aged thirty-eight 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:

That he was born the eighth day of July, 1754 in the townships of Bernover aforesaid, and has a record of his age in his family bible - That in March A. D. 1776, he ~~enlisted~~ <sup>enlisted</sup> in the militia as a volunteer, in a Regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Ford - That Sylvanus Peck, was his Captain and John Doughty his Major, and performed duty in the said Regiment for one month as a monthly tour - That his Regiment was stationed in the city of New York to defend the city from the attacks of the British men of war called the Fleet - That at the expiration of the month, Major Doughty discharged the Battalion from that tour, and at the same time read to the soldiers a letter he (Major Doughty) had received from the Commanding officer at Amboy, requesting him to come to that place with his Battalion and hold that Post as the term of service of his men had expired, and he could not prevail upon them to comply - That Major Doughty with part of his Battalion including Capt. Peck & their dependent went to Amboy and remained there and held the post for one or two weeks - That he was verbally discharged by Major Doughty & passed the same He can prove these services by Thomas Cobb and Abraham Fairchild, the able witnesses of the County of Morris aforesaid - That afterwards, in the month of July A. D. 1776 he ~~enlisted~~ <sup>enlisted</sup> as a volunteer and served in his ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> company commanded by Capt. Josiah Hall in the ~~British~~ <sup>British</sup> Regiment commanded by Col. Borth at Bergen in the State of New Jersey - Recollecting receiving while at Bergen the intelligence of the Declaration of Independence, which was celebrated in the camp on the eighth day of July - Can prove the last mentioned service by the said Thomas Cobb - That afterwards he ~~enlisted~~ <sup>enlisted</sup> as a volunteer for one month in Capt. Josiah Hall's Company in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Borth, and served in the said Company at Elizabeth Town for the purpose to prevent the British troops who were then in possession of Staten Island, from pillaging the town. This was, as he believes, at or near the time when the British, after the battle of Long Island, went to Westchester, took Fort Mifflin & Fort Mifflin & Fort Mifflin - It was a dark day - & he, for a short time felt like as tho' all was gone - the only time he ever entertained a doubt of the successful issue of the struggle -

In January or February 1777, he performed one month's military service under Capt. Josiah Hall, Col. John Mifflin, & Col. Borth. was stationed at Connecticut Farms. The British had possession of Elizabethtown - was on guard duty, protecting the inhabitants from being plundered - A large body of militia from Hudson County, & the adjoining Counties, assembling with us, an attack was planned to drive them from the Town, which succeeded, under the command of Genl. Dickinson. Took a bag of sugar, lying at the dock at Blankenshank's dock, laden with chimney's stoves - clothing, blankets, shoes &c.

In October or Novr 1777, he performed another tour in Monmouth County - had a skirmish with the enemy, Night & day, on Greencast, at Shacknowinlet. They landed from a Frigate to destroy the salt works, but were repulsed & driven off - Capt. Huddy, of the artillery, was then with a piece of artillery, & a company of Light Dragoons from Colts neck. Dragoon's company was commanded by (the court remembers) Capt. Huddy, commanded the whole - In the summer or fall following of the same year as he thinks, - he performed another tour under Capt. Hall, on guard duty at Newark, protecting inhabitants from plunder &c. was quartered in a barn owned by a Mr. Nathaniel at the West end of Market Street. It probably was in summer as the Mosquitoes were very troublesome on the marshes, which was in good plenty. The New England troops were at Newark also.

In April 1778, he enlisted or engaged <sup>in</sup> Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as <sup>John</sup> Johnson's Major in the Forey Department in the United States service, to do duty in said service for one year, as a Captain over twelve Teams & Waggons. Took the oath of allegiance to the United States, & to be faithful to the trust reposed in me as an officer in the service & employ of the U. States. (See Capt. Wards deposition hereunto annexed.) Military stores were kept at Morris town of clothing, shoes, provisions & muskets of war of various kinds, which were transported from thence to various points, as the wants of the Army required. I was employed some three or four months, in conveying such stores from Morris town to New Windsor, at the head of my team. I acted as the principal underwoods of the Brigade of Waggons, being also the principal Dept of provisions & military stores. These stores were conveyed from thence to the several points where the Army was located. He was sent on one occasion from Valley Forge in Pennysia. with the baggage of Genl. Washington's Army, crossed the Delaware at Coriell's ferry, thro' to Monmouth, just before Monmouth battle. - Deput. had in charge the whole of his 12 teams, & after the battle, was employed in conveying off the wounded. Followed the main Army to N. Brunswick, - a part of it, or nearly the whole, went to the White plain, his detachment, or part of it, carrying their baggage, after which the teams were collected & reorganized at Trenton. - was often sent off on orders to collect provisions wherever they could be procured in the County, & to deposit at Trenton, from whence they were by Dept. again reloaded & sent to the Army. In this mode the year was spent, under military discipline, subject to all the penalties & forfeitures of military law, in the same manner & to the same extent, as those regular troops who carried their muskets & bayonets. Believes he never rec'd. any written discharge, but was discharged on expiration of his year or term of enlistment. He rec'd. during that year the pay & emolument of a Captain of Infantry & <sup>held</sup> the same rank.

After the above enlistment expired, he performed several regular monthly tours of duty as follows, & most of them, probably all, were performed under my former company officer, Josiah Hall Captain.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tour performed at & near Newark, the month & year not remembered. - Guard duty & protecting inhabitants. The British were expected here, & was the reason of being called out. One of the New England regular troops died whilst here, & acted in his burial.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour when the British came out with the Guns & Steeple & burnt the Church at Bon-  
netts farm, when there was a considerable skirmish & some of the guns killed.  
Followed on in their rear & pursued them to Elizabethtown, when they made a stand at the fork of the road below the town. Some cannonading took place on both sides, with small field pieces. Took some 15 or 20 <sup>or more</sup> British prisoners, believe by Capt. James Osborn, & some British, all of whom were executed. There was considerable blood shed. It was a salty day, Deput. discharged 16 rounds of ball cartridges during the fight. The enemy retreated with considerable loss, leaving the Ammuns in possession of the field. - Deput. in course of the engagement fell into Capt. Nathaniel Richards's company, an excellent officer, - who was shot thro' the arm, but kept & commanded the whole day. - Deput. stood next to David Nathan & Baker next the Capt. during the fight. The commanding officer he cannot remember.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tour was performed at Bergen near New York city. The enemy attempted to land at Bergen point but did not succeed. Performed guard duty here one month. During this time, one of our Regiment was killed by the accidental discharge of ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> gun, as his comrade was firing the load. Thinks Major Stagg (Back Knifer) commanded.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tour performed on an alarm, & the militia very generally was out. Stationed at Newark & Bergen on guard duty - out on duty perhaps not quite a month - probably 3 weeks. When on return home remembers a pretty serious quarrel between Lieut. John & Adjutant Pison (Benjamin)

Beside his regular tours of monthly duty, he was often out on alarm, sometimes of a week, sometimes two or three, according to circumstances. On one occasion when called to Elly's town, the enemy had crossed from Staten Island, to Elly's point by Newark to Wood-  
Jupon, near Bloomfield. Militia pursued or followed on to that place at Campbell's bridge  
sonell, when an engagement ensued, Genl. Munch commanding. Benjamin Salter son of Schomert

comrade, was wounded in the thigh with a cannon shot as supposed & died shortly after. The enemy was defeated & retreated to Bergen County, across the Passaic river. Probably this was in 1780. It is warm weather. - He may be incorrect as regards date, & the river in which the event occurred - but the events themselves he must believe to be true; & can with propriety & a good conscience say, that he believes he has faithfully served his Country, including his enlistment & service in the Army Department, an entire period of ten years, & more, for which he claims the bounty of his government. - He refers to Lewis Condit & Richard Smith, who have known him many years, as to his character & the general belief of his having served as a soldier in the war of the revolution.

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, ~~to wit~~ on that of the Agency of the State of New Jersey.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Stephen Vail

Henry Vail

We, Lewis Condit & Richard Smith residing in the County of Morris hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Henry Vail, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be twenty eight years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Stephen Vail

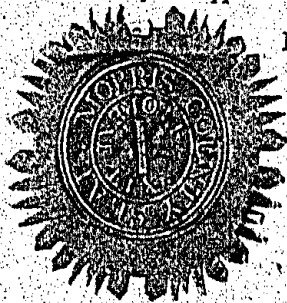
Lewis Condit  
Richard Smith

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the court further certifies, that it appears to them, that Lewis Condit & Richard Smith who have signed the preceding certificate, are

resident in the County of Morris aforesaid, ~~and that~~ and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Stephen Vail

I, David Day Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Henry Vail for a pension.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this Eight day of August in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

David Day

*[Handwritten note or signature]*