

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Pope W26914

Elizabeth Pope

A33NY

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District of Orange County, SS [New York]

On this 31st day of May 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said district, personally appeared John Pope who believes himself to be aged Seventy years, resident in New Burgh in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, death, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said John Pope enlisted to serve during the war on the __day of __ in the year 1777 as near as he can recollect in Clarkstown in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] afterwards of the Regiment commanded by said Henry Lee as Colonel of Dragoons in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the close of the War of the Revolution, when he was discharged from service at the head of Elk state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781],¹ Guilford [March 15, 1781],² Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781],³ and in a skirmish at Cumbee or Quinbey Bluff [Battle of Combahee Ferry, August 25, 1782]⁴ then so-called when Colonel Laurens [John Laurens] was killed – that this deponent was then dangerously wounded in the Leg, shoulder and arm, that his Horse was killed and fell onto the other Leg of this deponent and that he lay in that condition until he was relieved by a fellow soldier the following day – and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now and his power of his said services except such as is here with transmitted.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isaac Bilknap

S/ John Pope, X his mark

I hereby Certify that John Pope the within named Applicant for Pension, applied before me on the 1st day of April 1818, in order to obtain the said pension and the facts stated by him on oath are substantially as stated in the within declaration, the one I sent on has not been returned to me by the Secretary of the Department of War – New Windsor Orange County June 24th, 1819.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry.html

S/ John Morrell, Commissioner

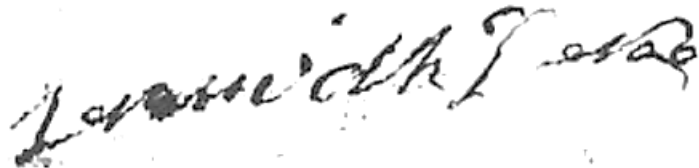
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State of New York Orange County: SS

Jeremiah DeVoe being duly sworn declares on his oath that he is personally well acquainted with John Pope who made the within declaration in his presence and knows him to be the same John Pope who belonged to Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Dragoons at the time this deponent joined the American Army at Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]⁵ which was as near as he can recollect in the spring of the year 1781 and that he knew him and served with him in that Legion from that period to the close of the Revolutionary War and that both the said Pope and this deponent received their Discharges at the same time at the head of Elk, that they were both in the Battle of Eutaw Springs and in the skirmish in which Colonel Laurens was killed – and further sayeth not. The above affidavit was sworn to before me this 31st Day of May 1819

S/ Isaac Belknap

S/ Jeremiah DeVoe⁶



District of New York, Orange County} SS.

On this fifth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas, it being a court of record for the said County of Orange, John Pope of the town of New Burgh aged about Seventy years, resident in the said County of Orange, who being sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war, as follows: – that he enlisted in Clarkstown in the year 1777 in Captain Henry Lee's company and he served in Rudolph's troop [John Rudolph's] troop in Lee's Legion of horse until he was discharged [at] yes "Head of Elk" which was after the close of the Revolutionary war but in what year he does not recollect and that he was in the battles at Milestone [Battle of Millstone, January 20, 1777] in New Jersey, at Springfield [June 23, 1780] in New Jersey, at the White Plains [October 28, 1776] in New York, at Guilford Court House in North Carolina at Ninety Six in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] at the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina, at Quinby Bluff in South Carolina, where he was wounded and at several other places –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz.: one pair of tongs and shovel, one Iron tea Kettle (broken), one Iron pot, one pair Andirons, one Spider, One Griddle, one cast iron andiron, two old chairs with cut bottoms, one Table, one Tobacco box, six Spoons, six knives, and five forks, six blue printed plates, six edged plates, one Hemp Hook, two pitchers, two oval

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁶ [Jeremiah DeVoe S43477](#)

dishes, milk & sugar cups, one saw & buck, one hoe, one spinning wheel, one basket, one rag carpet, one washtub & one tray and: two old casks

S/ John Pope, X his mark

[p 10: On August 18, 1841 in Orange County New York, Elizabeth Pope a resident of New Windsor in said County, aged 79 years as of the 16th day of January last made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Pope; that she married him March 1, 1784; that he died December 27, 1824; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Pitts; that she was married in Morris County, New Jersey by the Rev. Mr. Grovier at a place called Parsipany [Parsippany]; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: On April 5, 1842 in Orange County New York, George Pitts, a resident of Warwick in said County, age 69, gave testimony in support of his sister's application for a widow's pension as the widow of John Pope.

George Pitts

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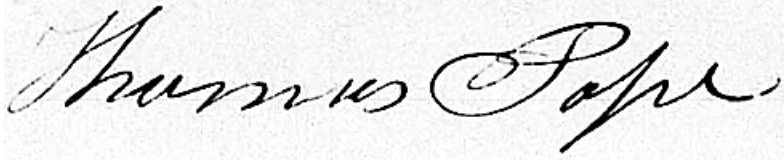
[p15: On April 14, 1842, Samuel S Seward, 71, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Pitts in Newfoundland Burgen [Bergen] County New Jersey prior to her marriage to John Pope; thereafter he was well acquainted with John Pope and Elizabeth his wife in the village of Florida in the town of Warwick Orange County New York; that they had a large family of children and were reputed to be man and wife.]

[pp 17-18: Bible record:

	FAMILY RECORD.	
	MARRIAGES.	MARRIAGES.
Marriages Thomas Pope & Hannah Burill Whas Married August the 18 1810	<i>Thomas Pope & Hannah Burill Was Married August the 18 1810</i>	<i>Benjamin B. Pope</i> <i>Ann Hackman Was Married the 3 of November 1831</i>
Benjamin B. Pope & Ann Hackman Whas Married the 3 of November 1831		
Charles L. [could by S.] Pitts & Hannah Maria Pope was Married May 23th 1833		<i>Charles L Pitts & Hannah Maria Pope was Married May 23 1833</i>

Births	FAMILY RECORD.	
	BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
Thomas Pope was Born April the 27, 1792	<i>Thomas Pope was Born April the 27, 1792</i>	<i>Samuel Pitts was born September the 9 1834</i>
Hannah Pope was Born October the 7, 1792	<i>Hannah Pope was Born October the 7, 1792</i>	<i>Phebe Ann Pitts was born March the 16 1837</i>
Benjamin B. Pope was Born December the 6, 1811	<i>Benjamin B. Pope was Born December the 6, 1811</i>	
Elisabeth Pope was Born December the 7: 1817	<i>Elisabeth Pope was Born December the 7, 1817</i>	
Phebe R. Pope was Born August the 9, 1820	<i>Phebe R. Pope was Born August the 9, 1820</i>	
Charles H. Pope was Born July the 11 th 1822	<i>Charles H. Pope was Born July the 11th 1822</i>	
Samuel Pitts was born September the 9 1834	<i>Samuel Pitts was born September the 9, 1834</i>	
Phebe Ann Pitts was born March the 16, 1837	<i>Phebe Ann Pitts was born March the 16, 1837</i>	

[p 19: On April 28, 1842 in Orange County New York, Thomas Pope of New Windsor County New York, aged fifty years as of April 27 last, gave testimony that he is the 3rd child of John and Elizabeth Pope; that his parents had four children the oldest of whom if living would be fifty-six years old; that he, the affiant, is their 3rd child; that his parents had no education and neither of them could read or write and there was never an entry of their marriage made in the family record; he authenticates the family record as set forth above.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 1st, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years in Lee's Legion. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Woodbridge New Jersey August 21, 1818

I Certify that John Pope enlisted in Colonel Henry Lee's [Light Horse Harry Lee's] Legion of Dragoons in the year 1777 at Clark's Town – State of New York and Served with fidelity, through the revolutionary war & in the last action that was fought in South Carolina by General Green [Nathanael Greene] received a wound which has proved extremely injurious to him –

S/ James Heard
Late Captain of Dragoons
in Lee's Legion

*To him James Heard
Late Capt: of Dragoons
in Lee's Legion*

I, John Pope, do solemnly swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God that I enlisted in the Second Troop of Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Dragoons, then commanded by Captain John Rudolph at place in this state called [indecipherable words] in the winter of the year 1777 – that I enlisted to serve during the war of the Revolution, and Served with fidelity to the end of it, when I was honorably discharged by Captain Michael Rudolph and I do further swear that I have mislaid and lost the said discharge.

Sworn to this 19th day of February 1819 before me

S/ Isaac Belknap,
one of the Judges of the
Court of Common Pleas
for Orange [County New York]

S/ John Pope, X his mark

State and City of New York: SS: Helebrant Lozier⁷ [Hillebrant Lozier]⁸ of the City of New York being sworn doth upon oath he is personally acquainted with John Pope of Orange County and State of New York, that he knew him to have been Enlisted for the war in the Second Troop of Lee's Legion of Horse called and annexed to the Virginia Line in the Revolutionary War, that I was in the First Troop of said horse, and was intimately acquainted with the said John Pope from the spring of the year 1780 until July in 1783 making upwards of three years to have been in the United States Service and we were continued in one Legion as he has stated until discharged which was the 20th of August 1783 at the head of Elk State of Maryland by Captain Michael Rudolph then commanding officer of Colonel Henry Lee's Legion of Horse.

Sworn before me this 16th February 1819

S/ P. Riker Recorder of the

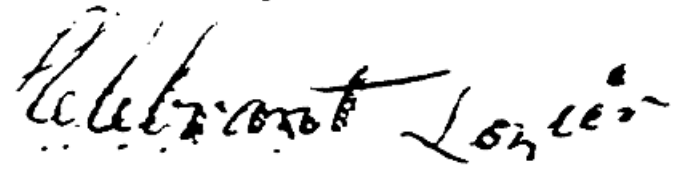
Helebrant Lozier

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⁸ [Helebrant \(Hillibrand\) Lozier W16331](#)

City of New York

S/ Helebrant Lozier

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helebrant Lozier". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.