

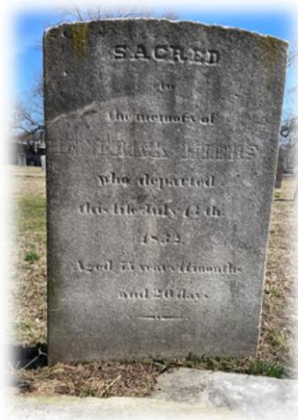
Hendrick Hiers (Hyers or Hires)

(Aug 25, 1756 - July 13, 1832)

Private, 1st Regiment of the New Jersey Continental Line

By Daisy D. Orr

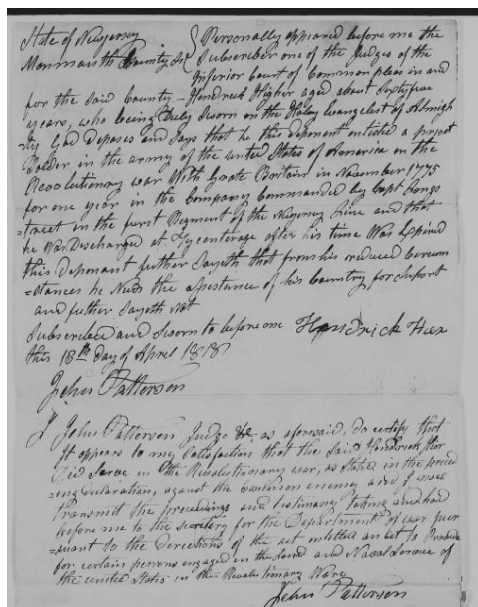
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Hendrick Hiers enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War in November 1775 for one year. He was sent to Canada. When he returned, he enlisted in the militia under Capt. Thomas Hunn. He was put in the Company commanded by Capt. Elias Longstreet and Col. Ogden in the First Regiment of the New Jersey Line. Fold3 website has the following scanned records shown below:

Transcription of document to the left:

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County —



Hendrick Hier aged about Sixty-five years, who being Duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depos and Says that he this deponent enlisted a Private Soldier in the army of the United States of America in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain in November 1775 for one year in the Company commanded by **Capt. Longstreet in the First Regiment of the New Jersey Line** and that he was Discharged at my underage after his time was Expired. This Deponent further Sayeth that from his reduced Circumstances he Needs the Assistance of his Country for Support and further Sayeth not. Subscribed and Sworn to before me **Hendrick Hier** this 18th Day of April 1818

John Patterson

I John Patterson Judge &c as aforesaid, Do certify that it appears to my Satisfaction that the said Hendrick Hier did Serve in the Revolutionary War, as Stated in the preceding Declaration, against the Common Enemy and I therefore transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the Directions of the act entitled an act to Provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary Wars.

John Patterson

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State of New Jersey
Monmouth County
On this Eleventh day of September
eighteen hundred and twenty four
personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record
and a Special Superior Court of Common Pleas in and for the
County of Monmouth, Hendrick Heir, her aged about sixty six
years, a resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn
according to law, does on his oath declare that he served in the
Revolutionary war as follows, in Capt. Elias Longstreet's
Company and in the 1st Jersey Regiment, commanded
by Col. Mines as 1st and by Col. Ogden as 2^d and
that his Original Declaration is dated the thirteenth
day of April, eighteen hundred and eighteen
and that the number of his Certificate of Pension
is (5311) 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 disposed of
my property or any part thereof with intent that
it be deemed it as to bring myself within the
provisions 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 is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed
and by me subscribed. —

Schedule
1 Lot of ground and house thereon - Set 40 feet front
100 do in rear - 9 chairs - 1 writing desk - 8 Tables - 1 small
looking glass - 1 pair Andirons, 1 shovel & tongs - 2 Iron Kettles - 1 Iron Pot - 1 Tea Kettle - 2 Tubs - 2 pails - 2
Trammels - 1 pair Kitchen Andirons - 1 Horse fourteen years old - 2 Hogs - 1 Ax - 1 Spade - 1 Dung Fork - 1 Hay Fork
- Lot of Old Trumpery. (Trumpery in this case means worthless items.)

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According to the documents, Hiers went on Expedition to Canada (as shown in the document below). Records show that During May – June 1776, the regiment is ordered to the Northern Department to support the American forces in Canada. Following the retreat from Canada (July – Oct. 1776), the 1st New Jersey is stationed in the defense of Fort Ticonderoga and builds the "Jersey Redoubt."

In 18th-century military engineering, a **redoubt** is a small, enclosed defensive structure or fort, usually constructed from earth and timber. It is designed to protect soldiers outside the main fortress walls and to prevent an attacking army from easily flanking the primary fort.



Dear Sir:

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W. 7731, based upon the service of Hendrick Hier in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of this soldier were not shown, nor were the names of his parents stated.

Hendrick Hier (as his signature is shown in the claim) enlisted sometime in November, 1775, and served one year as a private in Captain Elias Longstreet's company, Colonels Winds' and Ogden's 1st New Jersey regiment, and went on the expedition to Canada. He enlisted in the month of January, 1777 and served in the Monmouth County, New Jersey militia, in Captains Thomas Hunn's and Samuel Carhart's companies in Colonel Asher Holmes' regiment, in temporary tours, every other month through the years 1777, 1778, 1779, and three months in each year 1780, 1781 and 1782; during this service he was engaged in guarding the shores of Middletown Township, and was in some skirmishes.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 13, 1818, at which time he was sixty-five years of age and living in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

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Hendrick Hier died July 13, 1832. His widow, Sarah Hier, was allowed pension on her application executed November 16, 1836, at which time she was aged about seventy-seven years and living in Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents were not given.

Reference was made to their children, only names designated were, Ellen aged twenty-nine years in 1818, and Garret, who gave his address in 1836, Middletown Point, Monmouth County, New Jersey, and who signed "Hiers". Their grandchildren referred to in 1818 were John West aged fourteen years, and Sarah West aged eight years.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, name and address of person paid, and possibly the date of death of the pensioner, Sarah Hier, you should apply to The Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, Washington, D. C., and give the following data:

Sarah Hier, widow of Hendrick Hier
Certificate # 1112
Issued July 7, 1837
Rate \$ 80.00 per annum
Commenced July 30, 1832
Act of July 4, 1836
New Jersey Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

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Another document in the Fold3 pension records has been transcribed as follows:

Amended Declaration
State of New Jersey
Monmouth County S.S. Be it remembered that on this twenty-third day of April — A.D. Eighteen hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before me the subscriber, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Sarah Hier who being duly sworn saith that she is the widow of Hendrick Hier that she has heard her husband say that he enlisted in the Continental Army and went to Canada in the beginning of the War — that after his return from the Army, he entered the Militia of Monmouth County, under Captain Thomas Hunn in the latter part of the year 1776 or the beginning of the year 1777 and served therein at least every other month attending in tours of one month each during the years 1777 and 1778 in guarding the shores of the Township of Middletown, which were continually overrun and plundered by the British & Tories — that she thinks Captain Samuel Carhart had command of the Company in 1778 instead of Captain Hunn who became a Major — that in 1778 she was married to the said Hendrick Hier and after that time she knows that he was absent from home & out in the service of his country a great portion of his time, which as she believes and as she has been informed by her husband, was at least half his time until the latter part of the War, when he was not out so often — that he continued in Captain Carhart's company of Col. Holmes' regiment of said Militia — that the headquarters of the company were at Mount Pleasant in said Township of Middletown, all which I have been informed by the said Hendrick Hier, and verily believe to be true, and for which service I claim a pension — She further states that

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each of the years 1780, 1781 and 1782, as she knows from the fact that he was absent from home on such service and as her said husband often informed her.

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A. B. Justice of the Peace, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing affidavit was sworn to before me as a Judge of the said Court of Common Pleas, and I am duly sworn into office as such, that the full faith and credit are due to all his official acts and that his signature above is genuine.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office this fourth day of April A.D. 1837.

Francis M. [Signature]

each of the years 1780, 1781 and 1782, as she knows from the fact that he was absent from home on such service and as her said husband often informed her.

N. B. "Justice of the Peace" erased on first page and "Judge of the Court of Common Pleas" interlined before the execution hereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me Judge as aforesaid this third day of April A.D. 1837 **Francis Murphy**

State of New Jersey, Monmouth County S.S. I Daniel A. Ellis clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of said County, do hereby certify, that Francis Murphy before whom the foregoing affidavit was sworn, is a Judge of the said Court duly commissioned and sworn into office as such, that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts and that his signature above is genuine.

*In witness I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office this fourth day of April A.D. 1837 — **Daniel A. Ellis***

A | 1 Monmouth Militia. | N. J.
Hendrick Ayers
Appears with the rank of _____ on a
Roll
of Cap' Carhart's Men that Was at the Captering
of the Brigantine Bratany on the 30 Day of
December 1779.
(Revolutionary War.)
Roll dated Monmouth N.J.
July 23, 1780.
Remarks: _____

It appears that Hiers was involved with the capture of the Brigantine *Britannia* on December 29, 1779. The *Britannia* was a Loyalist privateer ship captained by Jonathan Stout and recently arrived from a Caribbean port with a cargo that included coffee and sugar, high value products in short supply in New Jersey. The *Britannia* also had 16 cannons and 4 swivel guns.

According to several accounts, the *Britannia* was anchored inside of Sandy Hook when, on December 28, 1779, it broke loose from its moorings. The ship grounded in shallow water near present-day Keansburg. The weather conditions were freezing and ice around the guard ship at Sandy Hook prevented the British from helping the distressed ship. So as the *Britannia* was frozen in place and helpless,

the state troops (militia on long term assignment) and Middletown Militia, both reporting to Colonel Asher Holmes captured it without a fight. The cargo and munitions of the ship were rowed to shore. The ice soon thawed enough for Holmes to the *Britannia* taken it 20 miles up the coast to Cheesequake Creek, where the prize would be less susceptible to British recapture and further dismantled.

Heir was one of the signers of the Articles of Retaliation. (In October 1781, Congress issued a manifesto promising "eye-for-an-eye" retribution against British soldiers and Loyalists for abuses against American citizens.)

The Hiers Family:

Hendrick Hiers was born July 23, 1756, his father was Walter Heyer and His mother was Elizabeth Vanderbilt (recorded as Van Belt) of Middletown Point. His parents were married on Feb 24, 1752. They had two additional children: Anyte Hyer (b. 1759), and Johannes aka John Hyer (b. Sept 21, 1752).

Hendrick Hiers married Sara Whitlock (July 16,1759 - May 17,1841). They were married on October 15, 1778.

Records show they had the following children:

Hendrick Hiers
Sarah West
Eleanor Hiers
Garret Hiers
Ann Nancy Norris

She further declared that she was married to the said
Hendrick Hiers on the fifteenth day of October one
thousand seven hundred and seventy eight; that her
husband the aforesaid Hendrick Hiers died on the
thirtieth day of July eighteen hundred and thirty two;
and that she had remained a widow ever since that
period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof
hereto annexed.