

Pension Application for Rudolphus Dingman

S.10570

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared, before me, Abraham Morrell First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Montgomery & State aforesaid, being a Court of Record—Rudolphus Dingman of Minden & County & State aforesaid aged eighty three 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 & served as herein sated—to wit—

He lived at the commencement & during the Revolutionary War in the town of Claverack in the County of Columbia & State of New York & was an enrolled militia man in Capt. Jacob Philips Company, Lieut Peter Miller & ensign George Philips in Col Henry VanRensselaer's Regt & Genl Robert VanRensselaer's Brigade—

Their Majors name Asttestien—in 1776. Deponent thinks in the month of August—there was a call for Militia to go up the Mohawk—this deponent volunteered with his company under Capt Philips & were commanded by one Major Asttestien was marched through Albany by way of Fort Plains—Fort Plank in what was then called Tryon County—went to or near Fort Stanwix—passed the Indian Castle below Little Falls—distance between 140 & 170 miles—He was the season in which Fort Stanwix was built or [?] as deponent thinks—that region was then beset with Indians & Tories.

His business was standing sentry—in scouts & for the protection of the frontiers—They were discharged near Little Falls—with the Mohawk as deponent believes in the month of September does not recollect the day & returned home with the rest of the company—Having served nine months under the above named officers—had no battles.

In the fall of the same year deponent thinks in the latter part of September of the same year—on a regiment of Militia—the whole regt which deponent belonged was ordered out—deponent entered as all the rest did as volunteers under his Capt. Philips, Major Attestein commanded—were marched to Albany to be in readiness as he suffered to march to the north with the Lieut & the troops on Lake Champlain wen [when] expecting an attack--& after an absence from home of about 2 weeks—dispatches were received from the north & they dismissed at Albany & returned home—were on service on this occasion—more than two weeks—entered this service at Claverack aforesaid. 15 days—

In the summer of 1776--& previous to the above named services—deponent was called out with his whole company at Claverack aforesaid under Capt. Philips, Lieut Miller & were marched through Albany—through Saratoga—Half Moon & Stillwater—to a fort the name of which he ahs forgotten—I think it was not Fort Ann—stood on

guard—on sentry—went on scouts—were on service with the whole company – thinks they left home in July the early part & were dismissed & returned home in the early part of August—of that year. Were dismissed near Stillwater as he thinks. They expected to have been gone longer & farther north—but were ordered back:--was in service on this occasion one month.

In the early part of May 1777—deponent volunteered at Claverack aforesaid with his whole company under Capt. Philip Lieut Miller for 3 months went through Albany to Fort Edward about 100 miles & after sometime there was a beat for volunteers to go to Fort George to remove stores & the munitions of the army at that place deponent volunteered to remove the property to Fort Edward. Returned to Fort Edward & then to Fort Ann—was in a battle at Fort Ann. The Americans were compelled to retreat Col VanRensselaer's Regt were there—deponent was [?] – was with 'Genl Schuyler's Troops three or four weeks afterwards & retreated with them—Deponent had his blanket stolen—deponent slept on the ground several night without a covering. Was taken in by Genl Schuyler himself & slept by his fire several nights—Genl Schuyler discharged one half of Genl VanRensselaer's Regt. Deponent was discharged as near as he can recollect about the forepart of August at Saratoga or Watervliet is not certain which & returned home after having served 3 months.

Deponent saith also he volunteered in the month of October about the first as he believes at Claverack aforesaid in 1777—to join the army opposed to Burgoyne—with the whole company under the said Capt Philips & the above named officers & on arriving at Albany were then halted for some days when dispatches arrived that their services were not further required & were discharged at Albany & returned home—after having been in service 2 weeks standing sentry on guard on [?] was discharged this last service as near as he can recollect a latter part the middle of October of the year 1777.

The next summer the Tories & cow boys committed great depredations in burning & destroying property win the vicinity of Claverack—& in the early part of June as he believes 1778—deponent was classed with several of his fellow soldiers—by order of the officers of the Regt—at Claverack aforesaid—& were put by his Captain Philips under the command of a sergeant of his company by the name of Henry Ostrander & stationed at what was called Claverack Dock on the North River—& were there standing sentry & on guard night & day for one month –when at the end of one month he was discharged at said Dock & returned home—having served one month—Deponent saith also in 1779—the whole region around about Claverack & on the River was infested the whole summer & fall by cowboys—tories & Indians—and this deponent for six months of this year was on scouts & standing sentry & on guard – from one to three days of each week the whole season but not in an organized corps & as to avail him as he is advised in his present application.

Deponent once afterwards volunteered & he believes in the early part of October 1780—at a time when Genl VanRensselaer went up the Mohawk in pursuit of Tories & Indians—under Sir John Johnson. The Militia were called out at Claverack deponent volunteered under his Capt. Philips—Lieut Miller as before & were marched through

Albany up the Mohawk about Fort Plank—Does not know how far – nor does he recollect the particulars of the occasion only that they did not bring the enemy to battle--& the soldiers were disaffected with the general—Deponent thinks they were discharged on the Mohawk –but does not recollect whether at Fox Creek or at Fort Plank—Deponent was discharged in the month of October as he believes, after having been absent from home a little over 3 weeks Deponent was on scouts & various services both before & after this period for short periods & in unorganized corps so that he cannot further give dates & circumstances which can avail him in his present application.

The deponent thinks he was [?] up the Mohawk at the German Flatts a distance of more than 100 miles from Claverack in 1778—with some detached militia –but cannot recollect the names of his officers nor the time of year & therefor cannot count on it—Deponent served all the time as a private soldier in the Militia & was drafted or volunteered each time at Claverack in the County of Columbia & state of New York.

He saith that he had no written discharge at any time.

That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

Deponent saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot be as certain of the month & year in which some of his services were rendered as he could wish, but the fact of his having rendered such services as he has related—and as to the places where they were rendered he has no doubt.

For the same reason he cannot swear particularly as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below & in the following grade to wit as a private for 7 months & 21 days in the periods above particularly specific for which service he claims a pension—Deponent saith that for the above stated time—he served in a regularly organized corps—commanded by competent authority and was all the time in the field in garrison or marching under military orders—ant that for all the above time—he performed no civil business.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he cannot without much inconvenience on account of bodily infirmity attend court—and that there is no clergyman in the vicinity of his resident who can testify as to the [?] of his services in the Revolution-- (Signed with his mark)
Rudolphus Dingman

Sworn & subscribed & subscribed the day & year first above written before me.
Abraham Morrell First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Montgomery in the State of New York.