

### **Pension Application for Daniel Rankin**

S.43897

State of New York

City of Albany SS

Personally appeared before me Ester Howe Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the county of Albany, John H. Wendell (1) Esquire, late a Captain in the first New York Regiment Commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick in the Service of the United States of America in the late Revolutionary War, against the Enemies of his Country (and to me well known) who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he Daniel Rankin, served as a Soldier in his Company that he was Enlisted for the term of three years, (2) and was discharged at Fort Stanwix, (3) as set forth by him in his affidavit hereunto annexed at the Expiration thereof, and further says that said Daniel Rankin during his service sustained the character of a good and faithful soldier & that he is now by information received in reduced circumstances, and in need of assistance from his country, and entitled to the Pension allowed, to persons, in his situation by a late law of the Congress of the United States, who have served their Country during the Revolution aforesaid. (Signed) J. H. Wendell late a Captain in the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment.

Sworn to this 3d day of September 1818. J. C. Ten Broeck Lt in the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regt.  
Ester House Judge Albany Com Pleas, State of New York

Letter in folder dated January 20, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Daniel and James Rankin, who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment, commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of a James Rankin or Rankins who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment, commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick. However, if he rendered either service in the New York troops and you will so state and furnish as much as possible for the following data in regard to him, a further search of the record will be made and a report furnished you; approximate dates of birth and death, places of residence at enlistment and after service and given name of widow. The record of Daniel Rankin, who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment, Revolutionary War, is furnished you herein.

Daniel Rankin

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The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file In the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.73897, based upon the military service in that war of Daniel Rankin.

Daniel Rankin was born February 10, 1754, place of birth and names of parents not shown.

Daniel Rankin enlisted at Claverack, New York, in January, 1777, served as private in Captain John H. Wendell's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment, was in the engagement at Fort Stanwix, (4) "in all of the campaign against Burgoyne and was in the battles (5) which led to his surrender", (6) at the battle of Monmouth (7) and was discharged at Fort Stanwix, (8) January 21, 1780; after the expiration of this term of service, he volunteered and served three months, dates not given, in Captain Bleecker's (9) New York Company, and was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason and the capture and execution of Andre. (10)

Daniel Rankin was allowed pension on his application executed April 7, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty—five years and resided in Queensbury, Warren County, New York.

In 1820, soldier stated that his wife, Fear(?) was aged seventy-six years and that two sons were killed in the War of 1812, one at New Orleans and one at Plattsburg. He did not give the names of these sons and there are not further data in regard to his wife and no names of any other children are shown.

Daniel Rankin died October 5, 1837, place not stated.

Daniel Rankin  
W.4775

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.4875, based upon the military service in that war of Daniel Rankin.

Daniel Rankin was born in 1760, in Pelham, Massachusetts, names of his parents not shown.

While residing at said Pelham, Daniel Rankin enlisted in the spring of 1778, to be ready to serve when called, which was not until August of that year, when he was ordered to East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and joined the company of Captain Lamb at that place, served as a guard at East Greenwich and at Warwick and was discharged in December following, having served four months; he enlisted in May 1779, served in Captain Howard's Company, Colonel Bailey's Massachusetts Regiment, went to West Point, was detailed to work on barracks being erected there and after service about five months, was taken sick, procured a substitute and returned to his father's home in Pelham, Massachusetts.

After the Revolution, he lived about one year at Pelham, Massachusetts, then moved to Hartford, New York, and lived a few years; thence to Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1832, while living in Willet (formerly a part of Cincinnatus), Cortland county, New York, where he had lived twenty-five years.

Daniel Rankin died at Marathon, Cortland County, New York, January 14, 1840, as stated by his widow.

The soldier married in February 1838, at Marathon, New York, January 14, 1840, as shown by an official paper in the claim on January 15, 1840, as stated by his widow.

The soldier married in February 1838, at Marathon, New York, Mrs. Sally Jones, whose husband, name not shown, died about 1828. Date and place of birth and names of her parents are not stated.

Soldier's widow, Sally, was allowed pension on her application executed June 8, 1853, at which time she was aged seventy-seven years and resided in Marathon, New York. March 28, 1855, while residing in said Marathon, Sally Rankin applied for the bounty land which was due on account of the service of her husband, Daniel Rankin, in the Revolutionary War. She was granted one hundred sixty acres of land on Warrant 3960, under the Act of March 3, 1855.

No reference was made to any children of the soldier, Daniel Rankin.

In 1853, James F. Jones, aged fifty-three years and a resident of Marathon, New York, stated that he was a son of the widow, Sally Jones Rankin. In 1855, Byron and Edgar Jones were residents of New York, no relationship to the widow, Sally Jones Rankin, was shown.

State of New York

Washington County ss.

Daniel Rankins of the Town of Queensbury in the County of Warren and State of New York being duly sworn on his Oath deposes and saith that on the thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy seven at Claverack in the State of

New York aforesaid he Enlisted into the United States Service against the Common Enemy under Christopher Miller [11] Lieutenant, John Wendell Captain 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment Commanded by Goose VanSchaick to serve three years as a private soldier. That he immediately entered into the service, and on his way to join his Regiment at Fort Edward was retained for some time in Albany in the particular service of his colonel and joined his regiment at Fort Edward aforesaid sometime in the Spring next thereafter, was engaged through the whole of the Campaign under General Gates (12) against Burgoyne and was in the Battles which led to his surrender. That in the progress of his service he was in the Battle of Monmouth in the year following. That he performed his duty faithfully in the Company and Regiment in which he enlisted as a Common soldier until he was discharged at Fort Stanwix in the State of New York on the Twenty first day of January one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty. That upon the Expiration of his said Term of Service he volunteered for three months longer and continued his service at West Point and was there at the time of the Treason of Arnold and [seizure?] and Execution of Andre. That at the Expiratin of the said three months he was dismissed and permitted to go home. That his discharge aforesaid is worn out and destroyed and he has no documentary Evidence of his Enlistment service and discharge in his possession. That he now is and ever since his service his service aforesaid has been a Resident Citizen of the United States, and now Resides in the Town of Queensbury in the county of Warren aforesaid. That he is now sixty five years of age and part of the period of active and useful service and has not property to support him in the decline of life, and that by reason of his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for Support. (Signed) Daniel Ranken (13)

Subscribed and Sworn this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before me. Henry P. Martindale one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington.

End Notes—S.43897—Daniel Rankin

1. John H. Wendell was appointed Captain of the Seventh Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. Captain Wendell served in this regiment until he resigned on April 5, 1781.
2. Daniel enlisted for three years on January 13, 1777, as a private in Captain Wendell's Company. On the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1777 roll he is listed as "On Command at Albany", on the October 4, 1777 roll he is listed as "on command at Alby with Colo VnSchaick" and on the November 14, 1777 roll he is listed as "on command with Colo VanSchaick". FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 18 National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Daniel was discharged on January 21, 1780. Sometime after the war, Daniel made a petition which was in the assembly Papers 20-302, 24-282 in which he states he was discharged on account of ill health. He was living at Kingsbury, Washington County, New York when he made the petition. FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV., State Archives Vol I, page,182, Weed, Parsons and Company, Albany, NY 1887.
4. The First New York was part of Major General Benedict Arnold's relief column and was not in the Siege of Fort Schuyler in August of 1777. General Arnold when he left Fort Schuyler left the First New York to reinforce the Third New York Garrison and took the Massachusetts Troops back to Saratoga to join Major General Horatio Gates' Army.
5. Several Pensioners of the First and Third New York Regiments claim to have been in the Battles of Saratoga that were fought on September 19 and October 7, 1777. Both regiments were left a Fort Schuyler and the muster rolls do not show that any one was detached from their respective companies for duty at Saratoga.

6. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered the remnants of his invasion army to General Gates on October 17, 1777.
7. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778.
8. The First New York was sent to Fort Schuyler in the late 1778 to replace the Third New York as the garrison at that fort.
9. Leonard Bleecker was the Captain of the Eighth Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. Daniel's name does not appear in the muster rolls of this regiment. General George Washington had gathered troops in the fall of 1780 and militiamen were put in some Continental Companies, although not actually part of the regiment. General Washington had hoped to attack New York City with these troops and the French Army and fleet. By November these plans were given up and the militia was discharged.
10. General Arnold's treason was in September of 1780 and Major John Andre was hung as a spy on October 2, 1780.
11. Christopher Muller was appointed second lieutenant on November 21, 1776 and was assigned to Captain Wendell's Company.
12. According to the muster rolls cited in end not 2, Daniel was on command in Albany with Colonel VanSchaick. If Colonel VanSchaick had sent him to assist General Gates in some capacity perhaps as a Courier or Orderly. Daniel never states what the duty was or who he served in the Battles of Saratoga.
13. Daniel had applied for compensation in the Assembly Papers 20-302, 24-282, while living at Kingsbury, Washington County. FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol XV, State Archives, Vol I, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, Albany, NY 1887, Page 182.