

### **Pension Application for George Rapole**

W.1651 (Widow: Margaret) Married July 14, 1793 by Dominie Disling. Her maiden name was Margaret Hellegas. George died March 25, 1841.

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State of New York

Madison County SS.

Martin Walter and John Kellar being duly sworn depose and say that they served as soldiers in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York Line in the Revolutionary War under Captain Andrew Fink, and further these deponents say that they knew George Rapole as a soldier for three years, during past of the said war, that he served under the said Captain Fink, and in the Regiment aforesaid during the time aforesaid, and that he was a faithful soldier—and further these deponents depose and say that they believe the said George Rapole is poor and needs the assistance of his country for support and further these deponents say not. (Both signed with their mark) Martin Walter and John Keller

Sworn and subscribed before me this first day of January 1824.

James French Justice of the Peace for Madison County

Letter in folder dated February 5, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data given herein regarding George Rapole are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.1651, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

George Rapole, his name shown also as Rappole and Rabolt, was German by birth; the date and place of his birth and names of his parents not shown. He lived as a boy in Palatine, Montgomery County (later Oppenheim and Jefferson Counties), New York and at the time of the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted sometime In 1777, served three years as a private in Captain Andrew Fink's company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York regiment, was in the battle of Oriskany and in many skirmishes, and was discharged in Rome, New York.

He applied for pension March 15, 1825, at which time he was a resident of Jefferson County, New York, aged seventy years. His claim was allowed. He lived subsequently in Panela and in Alexandria in Jefferson County, New York.

The soldier died March 25, 1841.

The soldier married the first time, Elizabeth Failing; they lived on "Bush Farm", adjoining the time of said Elizabeth's brother, in Palatine, New York; the date of this marriage and the date and place of birth and death of Elizabeth are not shown. The soldier married the second time, Margaret Hellegas; they were married July 14, 1793, in the home of the brother of Elizabeth (Failing), land lived on the same farm where he (George Rapole) had lived with his first wife. Margaret, his second wife, had lost her mother when a child, had lived in Palatine, New York, and lived in the home of the brother of Elizabeth Failing; the name of Elizabeth's brother is onto shown, nor the names of Margaret's parents given. In 1849, Elizabeth Failing, the wife of this brother of soldier's first wife, was a resident of Jefferson County, New York, aged then eighty-

four years. She stated that she was present at the wedding of George Rapole and Margaret Hellegas, also, that her son, Matthias, was then (1793) and infant.

Margaret Rapole, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed October 3, 1849, at which time she was aged eighty years or more. She lived then with her son, John Rappole (as he signed his name) in Theresa, Jefferson County, New York. She was living there in 1855; one Eliza Rappole lived there also in 1855, no relationship to the family stated.

Elizabeth, the eldest child of George Rapole and Margaret, his wife, was born March 2, 1794; her birth was recorded in the Reformed Dutch St. Johns Church of Palatine (later a part of St. Johnsville); Conrad Hellegas and Ana Eve Hellegas were present. It was stated that Margaret (Hellegas) had a brother, Conrad, who had a wife, Eve. In 1850, this daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Hosea Hough of Alexandria, Montgomery County, New York. One Azel Hough was then a Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County, New York; no relationship to the family was stated.