

**Pension Application for Garret Remsen or Rampson**

R.8708 (Widow: Catherine) Married the last of January or the First of February Seventeen hundred and eighty. He died December 11, 1820.

State of New York

Queens County SS.

On this twenty third day of January 1838, personally appeared before me Jacob Field a Commissioner of Deeds in and for said county, Luke Remsen, a resident in said county, aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he was personally acquainted with Garret Remsen during his lifetime, and is well acquainted with his present widow Catharine Remsen, and does well recollect that he said Garrett Remsen during his life time and is well acquainted with his present widow Catharine Remsen, and does well recollect that the said Garret Remsen, on the 3<sup>d</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1777. (he does not now recollect which of the said days) did engage as an Artificer in the Continental service under Capt. Kennecut, in Col'n Hughes Regiment, and was stationed at Peakskill, where he continued employed in said service until the British came there and burned that place.—

When the artificers with the army that lay there retreated, which was on the thirty first day of said March, that after the British left that place the artificers returned and began to build a new shop and after working some time on it, received orders to go to a place called the Continental Village, about four miles from Peakskill and build a shop, and go to ;work there, which they did, land worked there for some considerable time, but how long this deponent is unable correctly to say, but is positive that the said Garret was engaged not less than two months from his first engagement, and feels confident that he would not exceed the time if he was to say three month[s].

That the said Garret by reason of some misunderstanding between him and some person in the employ, quit the service for a short time when he again engaged in the same service at Fishkill under the command of Capt. Steel in the aforesaid regiment, and continued so employed for some length of time, to state precisely the time this deponent tis now unable, but doth verily believe it was not less than two months, as this deponent was engaged with the said Garret in both of said engagements and worked with him.

And this deponent doth further say, that after the last services was rendered, late in the fall or beginning of the following winter the said Garret left the place and went to Clarkstown in the now county of Rockland, where this deponent afterwards found him, a guarding along the Hudson River at Nyack, in Capt. Hendrick Tenures company, in Col'n A. Hawkes Hays Regiment.

And this deponent doth further say, that the said Garret Remsen died on the eleventh day of December 1823, and that he said Catharine has remained his widow ever since that period. (Signed)  
Luke Remsen

Sworn to and subscribed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1838, before me.