

Pension Application for David Reynolds

S.29411

State of New York

Cyuga County [Cayuga] SS

On this 9th day of May in the year 1835 personally appeared in the year 1835 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting David Reynolds, a resident of the town of Niles, in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first of August, 1777, he enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt John Garner, in Col'n A. Hawks Hays Regiment at Haverstraw, in the now county of Rockland and State of New York, and served the time a guarding at Haverstraw at Clarkstown, and along the Hudson River at Nyack, and was discharged at Haverstraw in the month of November in said year having fully served out of the term of my enlistment.

That on the first of April 1778, he enlisted at Nyack, in the now County of Rockland aforesaid, for nine months, in a Company commanded by Capt. John Bell, in Coln Graham's Regiment and served sometime a guarding along the Hudson River at Nyack, then crossed the said River and marched to the White Plains and lay there some time near a regiment of Continental troops (he believes) commanded by Col'n Buford, then received orders, and marched back to the said river and crossed the same, and marched to the Newbridge near the town of Hackensack, in the State of New Jersey, where he lay encamped with the said company and some of the Jersey troops, until the British army came there when he with his company retreated and marched to Paramus, where they lay some time, that he then with the company returned and marched to Tappan Town, where they remained doing guard duty until the first of January 1779, when he was discharged, having served the full term of his enlistment.

That in the year 1780 (the militia in Col'n Hays regiment being previous to that time divided into classes of four men In a class, so that each man had to serve one week in each and every four weeks, he then residing in the beat of Cpt. Garret Acker's Company) in the month of April was called out in said Capt. Ackers Company in Col'n Hays Regiment, in the now county of Rockland aforesaid and served not less than one week in each and every four week[s] until the last of December following and was stationed doing guard duty at Haverstraw at the long Clove and along the Hudson River from the Hook to Sneedens Landing and served not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the month of April 1781 he was again called out in the company and regiment aforesaid, and served not less than one week in each and every four weeks

until the last of December following and served at the stations aforesaid but mostly along the river at Nyack and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the month of May 1782, he was again called out to perform his weekly tours and served not less than one week in each and every four weeks until in the month of September following and served not less than one month in weekly tours along the Hudson River from Nyack to Sneedens Landing.

That all his services by him above set forth was performed as a Private in the different company's.

That exclusive of his services above set forth he served in said Capt. Garret Acker's company In the year 1776, but his memory is so much impaired that he is now unable correctly to state the terms thereof. Also that he served two weeks as a substitute for his father Abraham Reynolds, in Capt Jacob Deronders Company at Red Hills in the fall of the year 1776, and he served as a substitute for his Brother Benjamin who had enlisted for one year in the year 1779, in a company commanded by Capt. William Cooly, who was taken sick, and he served in his place in said company from sometime in the month of April until the third day of June when his brother came and took his place when he immediately joined Capt. Ackers company and served one month a guarding near Stony Point in the town of Haverstraw aforesaid, the British Army was then possessing said point, when my said Brother was again taken sick and I went and joined the company in his place on the fourth or Fifth of July, the said company then lay at Fishkill and served until the year was expired which was about the first of April 1780, which said last recited services, he had not been able to find a single witness to prove any of them by, being so long since & resided in the said County his fellow soldiers, the few that now remain have not only forgotten him but also the services by him rendered and he must submit them to the Honorable the Commissioner of Pensions to allow or disallow as he shall Judge is right.

That from the great length of time that has past since his services rendered during the revolutionary war and the frailty of his memory, he may in some instances be mistaken as to the exact time of permorming [performing] his services, and begs an allowance for the frailty of human memory, but he has, with a conscious regard to truth, set forth his services as fully as his memory will now permit him to do, and being aged and infirm he was unable himself to repair to the County of Rockland to procure testimony of his services and also poor unable to employ an agent, his application has been delayed until he could procure a friend to assist him and the annexed affidavits of peter Stephens, John House, and Abraham VAnHouten, is all the testimony he has been enabled to procure to prove any of his services by as almost every one that served in Capt.Acker's company has departed this life and the two only survivor not serving on the tours he served do not recollect his service, he must therefore submit his whole claim to the Hon'l James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions to allow him such pension as he shall judge his claim injustice and equity doth merit.

That while he served in the companies of Capt. Garner and Capt Bell the companies was full or nearly so, but during his service in weekly tours in Capt Ackers company there was from six to twenty men stationed as a guard at one place and often men of other companies in said regiment served at the same station with him—

He was born in the now town of Ramapo in the now county of Rockland on the twelfth day of April 1760.

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That when called into service he resided in the now town of Ramapo aforesaid where he resided until the year 1784, when he removed to Newburgh in the County of Orange, in the State of New York where he resided until the year 1814 when he removed to his present residence where he has resided ever since.

That he entered the service voluntarily by enlistments, and as a substitute as is above set forth.

That Genr^{ls} Washington, Putman, Green and Lafaiat [Lafayette] were at time with the troops in which he served.

That he never received a discharge in writing for any of his services. That he has but within a few days past, but able to procure proof of his services which is the reason of his not making an earlier application.

That Zebulon Lewis a clergyman & John Travis are persons in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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

(Signed) David Reynolds.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. L. Richardson, first Judge of Cayuga.