

**Pension Application for John Rickert**

R.8795

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1820 personally appeared in open court (to wait) the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county said court being by the Laws of the State of New York [?] a court of record John Rickert aged 70 years resident in the town of Danube in the County of Herkimer who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820.

That he the said John Rickert enlisted at Hoosack in the State of New York in the month of April in the year 1778 as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. Tunis Fisher which company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hays and continued its service in the said regiment commanded by Colonel Hays and continued to serve in the said Regiment until the winter following when he was honorably discharged at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess after having served nine months or more.

But I further swear that I am informed and believe that the said Colonel Hays under whom I served and by whom I was discharged is dead and that all my other officers are either dead or reside in places unknown to me. That all my papers or written [?] of my discharge are either lost or destroyed through my ignorance not supposing them to be of any value.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to dismiss it so as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress passed March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War”.

That I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property, securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed.

My family consists of myself & my wife aged 50 years. That I am a weaver by trade, but owing to age and infirmities am not able to work at that business or do much labour of any kind and that I am unable to support myself & family.

Real Property, I have none, either in possession or expectancy.

And all my personal property is as follows to wit.

- One Pot (value) \$1.25
- One tea kettle 1.
- 6 ;cups & saucers .36
- 2 knives & 2 forks .25
- 1 chairs .50
- 1 bed & bedding. 5.00

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\$8.36

(Signed with his mark) John Rickert

Sworn & Subscribed this fourteenth day of December 1820, before me. David Holt.