

Pension Application for John Rickey

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At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house in the Village of Elmira in & for the County of Tioga in the State of New York, on the first Tuesday in September 1832 the same being a court of record because it is so declared by the Constitution and laws of the said State & having a Seal and Clerk.

Present:

Hon G. B. Balowin

John R. Drake

Darius Bentley

Joseph L. Darling

Elijah Shoemaker

Esquires Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the same court now sitting on the 4th day of September 1832 John Rickey, a resident of the Town of Elmira in the said County of Tioga, aged eighty two years and upwards 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 during the whole of the war of the Revolution he resided in the County of Orange in the State of New York about sixty miles distant from the City of New York: that the Inhabitants of the said County of Orange were constantly exposed to alarms from the incursions of the British forces occupying the City of New York who were sent out to annoy the Inhabitants aided by the Tories; and that the Indian enemy was also continually committing depredations along the Minisink frontier adjoining the said County of Orange. Thus situated such of the Inhabitants as were capable of performing military duty & were attached to the American cause, were in service a very considerable part of the time during the war, tho' generally on short expeditions or terms of service; yet of such frequent occurrence, as to render it almost equal to constant employment.

That the deponent was thus situated and engaged in the service of the country, a very considerable portion of the time during the war; and Inhabitants as were capable of performing military duty & were attached to the American cause, were in service a very considerable part of the time during the war, tho' generally on short expeditions on terms of service; yet of such frequent occurrence, at to render it almost equal to constant employment.

That the deponent was thus situated and engaged in the service of the Country, a very considerable portion of the time during the war; and on all occasions, when attacks from the British, Tories or Indians required the Inhabitants ton rally in the protection of the country.

That from the frequency of such calls he cannot now in consequence of the lapse of time, specify the particular occasions on which he was called to perform

military service, nor the precise time which he spent in each engagement: except to state, generally the places at which he served so far as he can now recollect them, & the whole amount of service, actually performed by him at these various enlistments, as near as he can now determine.

He first entered the service in the spring of 1776 in the Militia of the County of Orange aforesaid in a company then commanded by Capt. Blain, in the regiment under command of Col. John Hathorn and was employed during the most of that year, in scouting along the North river in the said County of Orange, at Nyack Clark's Town, Ramapo, Clouster occasionally in New Jersey, about Hackensack and various other places in the surrounding neighborhood.

That during the succeeding years of the war, he was similarly employed, sometimes in Balins company another times in the companies commanded by Captains M Camly, Bertholf & Hawley but al in Hathorn's regiment.

That on one occasion in the winter of 1776 or 1777, he was engaged about two months at Clouster, near Tappan, and on another occasion was engaged a considerable time at Wanamaken in Bergen County N.J. that he recollects when Fort Montgomery & Clinton were taken in the fall of 1777, he was & had been for some time. In service near Judge Sufferns in the County of Rockland, N.Y. that he was then under Capt. Blain.

That he was once in Service sometime at West Point.

That he was in service some time in the neighborhood of Stone Point before its capture by Gen. Wayne, to prevent the British troops then in possession, from plundering the Inhabitants.

He thinks this was in the Spring of 1777 from the fact that while there a portion of the troops in the fort marched across the country & burnt Danbury.

That when the Battle on Long Island took place in Aug 1776, he was with a part of Hathorn's regiment commanded by Lt Col. Wisner, employed in "Shuerts Clove" Orange County.

That at the time of Hathorn's defeat by the Indians at Miniskink, under Brant, the deponent was engaged with a part of Hathorn's regiment (under command of subordinate officers) in the neighborhood of Clarks' town, where the British were in considerable force.

That he recollect when Burgoyne was captured he was in service in Hathorn's regiment in the company then commanded by Capt. McCamly in the neighborhood of Forts Montgomery & Clinton; to prevent the ravages of the British troops (who were then in possession of those forts) about the surrounding country.

That he was very frequently called out in alarms from the attacks of the Tories who were in considerable force near the "New York lines" & who were protected by the British Army on the City of New York. He can only speak of the services performed by him with certainty by referring to prominent events of the war, & say where he was employed when those events took place; and from such references he has no doubt, that during the said war, he actually served more than two years—In his various engagements, he always belonged to Hathorn's regiment and generally under one of

the Captains before named; he cannot state the amount of service thus performed under the several officers, named; but has no doubt that he served more than two years in all.

In addition to the personal services thus rendered by him, he twice hired substitutes to perform two or three months service in guarding the Indian frontiers, and was actually out several times in occasional alarms at the same period.

He was also classed with five others, who hired a man for nine months to serve in the "State troops".

That he does not now recollect any person living who served with him, nor has he any documentary evidence of his services now in his possession.

That he would refer [part of paper cut off] Baker and John Miller Esqr, of Southport in the County of Tioga N.Y., and to Col. John Hendy and Genl. Matthew Carpenter of Elmira in the same County as gentlemen acquainted with his character for truth & veracity who can testify as to their belief and general tradition in the neighborhood, of his services as a revolutionary soldier.

A part of the gentlemen above named were in service during the war, and have resided in the neighborhood of the deponent & have been well acquainted with him for thirty or forty years past.

The said deponent further states that he was born at or near Byram or Horseneck in Connecticut on the 23d of May 1750. O.S. as he believes, from the record in the Bible kept in his father's family.

That he resided in Warwick in the said County of Orange a short time after the close of the war when he removed to Wyoming from whence after remaining one summer he removed to the County of Northumberland Penn'a where he resided three or four years & then removed to the County of Tioga N.Y. where he has continued to reside for more than forty years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.
(Signed) John Rickey

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill Clk.