

## **Pension Application for Joseph Rogers**

S.113322

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
Tompkins county SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting Joseph Rogers a resident of the town of Enfield in the county of Tompkins and state of New York, aged sixty eight 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of April one thousand seven hundred & eighty at the town of Wallkill in the County of Orange & State of New York this deponent inlisted [enlisted] into Captain Abraham Westfall's Company of New York State troops in Colonel Wissenpelt's Regiment for the term of seven months that the name of the Lieutenant was Paulding or Spaalding, went with the company to Miniskink in said County of Orange and then did duty in a picket fort, and frequently went out scouting parties after the Indians there was no Continental Troops stationed near them and knows no officers John English was Lieutenant in the company he was in no battles served out this time of seven months & discharged at Pean Pack was dismissed received no written discharge. The term of 1780—that he then returned home.

That in the last of April or first of May 1782 at Walkill he enlisted under Captain Westfall in the same company & regiment—that he marched with his company to Pean Pack near Miniskin—that he was then stationed in a picket fort, where he served eight months, during which time he was frequently engaged in scouting parties in pursuit of Indians & guarding the inhabitants on the frontiers—There were no regular troops there—that he knew no officers belonging to the regular troops—that he was in no battle, but in frequent skirmishes with the Indians—at the end of the eight months between Christmas & New Years he was discharged but not in writing—that he then returned home & was not out again during the war—that he knew Lieut English in the same company—also Lieut Roe in the same company—

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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) Joseph Rogers

Saml Love, Clerk.

The following questions were propounded by the Court to the applicant.

1. Where and in what year were you born? Answer: At Wallkill Ulster Co NY in the year 1764.

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? Answer: I have a record at home in my Bible
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live? Answer: I lived at Wallkill when I entered the service & some years after the war 37 years ago I came to Ulysses now Enfield Tompkins Co., N.Y. & live there now.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom? Answer. I enlisted at different times.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Answer. I was not acquainted with any of the regular officers—there were no Continental regiments stationed where we were. We were stationed on the frontiers to guard the lines & were engaged in scouting parties & had some skirmishes.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? Answer. I never received any written discharge.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. John Williams, William N. Thomas, Jonathan Glusing, Mr. Wilkins.

We, Nicoll Halsey residing in the town of Ulysses and county of Tompkins and State of New York, and Jabez Hammer residing in the same place, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Rogers who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and that we believe him to be sixty eight years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. (Signed Nicoll Halsey, Jabez Hammer (signed with his mark)

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Saml Love, Clk.