

Pension Application for Reuben Rogers

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State of New York

County of Albany

On this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Forty personally appeared in open court before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, it being a Court of Record now sitting in the City of Albany County of Albany and State of New York, Reuben Rogers a Resident of the Nassau County or Reansauilaer [Rensselaer] and State of New York aged eighty two years the twenty ninth of January last 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following officers and served as herein stated. To the first interrogatory by the war department to wit.

1. When and in what year were you born. He answers and says in Huntington Count of Suffolk, State of New York on the 29 of January 1758.
2. Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it. He answers and says that he has no record of his age nor does he believe that any record thereof exists.
3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. He answers and says that when he entered into Service he resided in Huntington Suffolk Co., New York State where he lived until 1790 when he moved to Schodack Reansaelaer Co., N.Y. where he continued to live until 1837 when he moved to Nassau County and State above named where he has resided ever since and now resides.
4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute & for whom. He answers and says that when he resided in Huntington afforesaid [aforesaid] in 1775 he being 17 years of age was enrolled in the company of Captain Andrew Onderdonk of the Militia does not remember the name of the Col. Or other officers and in 1776 he volunteered his services in the company commanded by Andrew Onderdonk in the month of July and march[ed] against the British who appeared on Long Island and in August 1776 he retreated off the Island with Genl Washington's army and went into the City of New York. Continued there but a short time and were driven by the British Army (when they took possession of New York City) to KingsBridge when the said Capt. Onderdonk Co. was dismissed that in the tour deponent was in service performing military duty as a private not less than 37 days. 1 Month and 7 days. That in the year 1778 while living in Amenia Co of Dutchess State of New York in the month of October he was again called into service by being drafted and

march[ed] under Frederick Donolson Lieutenant who acted as Captain and took command of the company and march to HorseNeck where we was station as a scouting party and to guard against the depredation of the British at for at 20 days when we march to Fishkill about 18 miles from horseneck where we remained at least 17 days performing military duty when were ordered to march to West Point to which place we did march in company of a Regiment of Unitated [United] States soldiers commanded by Debois Col. where we remained at least 10 days – this deponent verily believes at which time we recd orders to embark on board of sloops for the City of Albany that this deponent under the afforesaid [aforesaid] Onderdonk Lieutenant in company of the afforesaid troops commanded by Col Debois did embark on board of Sloop and sailed to Hudson City where the river became obstructed with Ice and we landed march to Albany on foot where we arrived in the latter part of November 1778 where he this deponent remained for 10 days as near as he now Recollects when he was discharged by the said Dolonson who acted as Captain and Returned home that he was out in this tour at least 45 days that in the month of March 1779 this deponat [deponent] was again drafted while living in [?] afforsaid [aforesaid] in a company comerd [commanded] by Capt George Brinkehoof, Col. Griffith that we marched from Amenia to Albany and then to Schenectady and there to [?] State of New York to the Fort where we were guarding against the Indians and British until the 15 of May as near as this deponent can now recollect when this deponent and the company officers and a company of soldiers under the command Debois [Dubois] Col. Lee [?] marched to Johnstown from Johnstown to Schenectady where the company to which this deponent belong [belonged] was dismissed and he returned home that the whole time he performed military duty in this tour as a private was not less [than] two month[s] and ten days that in the same year to wit 1779 this deponent volunteer his services in the fore part of the month of October under Capt. James Talmage and was encampt at Fishkill near the Hudson River until latter part of the month of October as a guard against the British coming up the River whit tour was at least seven weeks that in the year 1780 in the month of July this deponent was again called into service by being drafted in Capt. Thomas McKinstry, Col William Malcoms Regiment at Amenia afforesaid and marched to Poughkeepsie where we remained five days when we Recd orders to march to Fishkill from [TinKill?] we marched to Haverstraw where we remained three weeks encamped in shanties erected for the occasion that he was employed in scouting and watching the british and Tories who made Sallies occasionally [occasionally] on the Inhabitants who the Rigmt [regiment] to which he belonged recd orders to march to West Point where we embarked on board of sloops and sailed to Albany when we arrived at Albany the main part of the regiment proceeded to the North and this deponent and about 20 others were ordered up the Mohawk River to

Fort Stanwick now Rome in Oneida County to drive Patth for the support of the garrison remaining three days and four nights at For[t] we returned to Fort Plain about 40 miles above Schenectady on the Mohawk River which we Stamick [Fort Stanwix] where we remained until the latter part of October performing all thewhile military duty as a private which tour was three month[s] he was drafted for a tour of three months which he served and was discharged verbily [verbally] and that he does not know of any person living who knows of his military services except John Whitehead whose affidiffs [affidavits] accompanies this declaration.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who [were] with the troops where you served, such Continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. He says and states that the General Circumstances of your service. He says that and states that the General Circumstance of his services he has already stated herein and also the names of the General Officers who served and who were when he served, and also named so far as he can recollect.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. He answers and says that he never received a writen [written] discharge it always was verbal which was the custom

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 and he further states as a reason for making this declaration in this court which is out of the country in which he resides is that he [is] very infirm and has a rupture in the abdomen which causes him great pain and inconvenience to ride in a carriage that the Courts of Record of the County of Reansaeeleaaer are held in the City of Troy which is much further from the Residence of the Deponent than the City of Albany and he also states and says that it would be improper for him at this time to remain from home over night on account of the health of his wife as well as that of his own. That he could be compelled to remain from home over night is he went to Troy to make said Declaration. (Signed) Reuben Rogers

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

J. G. Wasson Clk