

Pension Application for John J. Roosa (or Johannes or Johannis)

S.14375 John died May 2, 1833, leaving no widow and the children surviving him are Elizabeth Maiers widow of John Maiers, Peter Roosa, Jacob J. Roosa Jr. Jacobus L. Roosa.

H.M. Romeyn Sup. Court Coommish power as above Steat.

This 12th day of April 1833.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County being a court of Record having a clerk and a seal now sitting duly organized at ta Regular term of said Court Johannes Roosa a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty 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 and served as is herein afterwards stated.

That in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he entered the service as a militia man under the command of Captain John Hasbrouck—this deponent residing at the times of his entering said service in the town of Marbletown aforesaid.

That the name of the Lieutenant was Jacobus Rosecraints. That the company was attached to and in which he was a corporal, was attached to the Regiment commanded by one Colonel Humphrey but that that part thereof to which this deponent was attached, was not under the immediate command of the said Colonel but under that of Lieut Col. Johannes Hardenbergh. That in the first place they were stationed in the City of New York and in Greenwich village.

That a large army of United States Regular troops was also stationed on the Island and lay in the Bowery.

That this deponent was so stationed from June till about August and that the Battle in which Lord Sterling commanded took place during this time, from the City. They went to Kingsbridge, where they were stationed about one fortnight, from there to White Plains where they were stationed about one month, during which a battle was fought & in which this deponent believes Col. VanCortlant commanded from there they went to Peekskill, and lay in Peekskill & at Stoney Point for the Rest of the season, and that he served that year six months to wit from the first day of June to the first day of December.

That Peter Mowres is the only person he recollects that served with him at that time who is now living. That he received no written discharge.

That in the year one thousand and seven hundred and seventy seven the beginning of the month of May or the latter part of April he again entered the service under the command of Captain John Hasbrouck, Frederick Westbrook being the Lieut.

Col. Levi Paulding commanded the Regiment, one McClaughly was Lieut Colonel, and this deponent further says that immediately upon reaching fort Clinton he was appointed a Quarter Master Sergeant, and served as such for four months and Received his pay as such until his term of service was expired that he received no written discharge.

That the only living persons who were there with him are Jacobus Dewitt and John Morris that he can now recollect.

That after his term of service at Fort Clinton expired he returned home two days and the third day he again entered the service for a term of three months under Major John Cantine (as a quarter Master) who went from Ulster County with part of a Regiment to the North to meet the residue of the Regiment & which when consolidated was commanded by Col. Morris Graham and one Hopkins as Lieut Colonel. That for about one month Major Contine had the command before the Col. Came, and during which time they were detached to go to Fort Stanwix but when they arrived at Schenectady. They met a Regiment who came from Fort Stanwix and after a few days then returned to the North River to VanSchaick Island and this deponent went from there to Albany to obtain camp equipage for the whole Regiment, and shortly after this deponent had so obtained the necessary equipage Colonel Graham came and took the command.

That the Colonel brought with him a full staff by which means this deponent became a supernumerary and Received permission to return home. But this deponent further saith that having entered into the service of his country to fight her battles, he though it his duty to remain and he served as a volunteer for about one month and a half, and this deponent was in the Second battle with Burgouoyne [Burgoyne] not far from Stillwater and fought in the company commanded by Captain Charles Brohead by the side of Samuel Brodhead until he was wounded very severely through the leg and he was then carried to the River side while lying there one of the General officers furnished him a horse, which brought him to the tent, and as soon as he was able to be moved this deponent went home and was sick with his wound for several months after he returned home and as much as four months, and his health was not fully restored until the next summer.

That he never received a commission as such Quarter Master, and never received any pay for that service. He further refers to the affidavits of Samuel Brodhead, Jacob J. Roosa & Peter Mowres—also here with submitted.

That the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight and in the latter part of May or the beginning of June he received a commission as Ensign under Governor Clinton In the company commanded by Colonel John Cantine and which commission is hereto annexed & herewith transmitted.

That shortly afterwards he again entered actual service and was immediately appointed Quarter Master by Colonel John Cantine and in which capacity he served for six months and during which time he lay at Napanock in Ulster County.

That in this year Lackawack was burned, and he also well recollects the circumstances related in the affidavit of Henry T. Osterhoudt, and that he kept an

account of his proceedings as such quarter master, a copy or part of a copy of which made by this deponent in his own proper hand writing, is herewith submitted.

And this deponent further saith that he received no commission as Quarter Master but that he drew his pay as such for the said six months—he received no written discharge, he also refers to the affidavits of Henry T. Osterhoudt Peter Mowers & Jacob S. Roosa.

And this deponent farther saith that in the early part of the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine he again entered the service at Marbletown Ulster County under Colonel Albert Pawling as a Quarter Master and as such served for some time in Marbletown when he left there with the Regiment & a convoy of Stores to meet Generals Sullivan & Clinton.

That they went as far as the River Susquehanna & that when they arrived there a Letter was found from General Clinton that he had passed, and it was determined in a council of war to return back, that this deponent returned back with the forces and afterwards served out the residue of the term of six months for which he had engaged with the said Colonel Pawling and received his pay as such Quarter Master for the said six months but on never received a written commission as such, and at the end of his term he did not receive a written discharge and this deponent further saith that in all the several services & terms herein before related he never received a written discharge further saith that in all the several services & terms there in before related he never received a written discharge, and that the facts narrated in the several services & terms herein before related he never received a written discharge, and that the facts narrated in the several affidavits herewith submitted are true.

1. And this deponent further declares and saith that he was born in the town of Hurley in the County of Ulster, on the thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two.
2. That he has a record of his age in a bible belonging to him copied from an old bible of his father or grandfather.
3. That he lived from the age of eight years and until long after the war of the Revolution in the town of Marbletown—and has lived in Rochester the adjoining town for about eight years and now lives in Marbletown.
4. That in the different services above narrated he enlisted for the terms above stated.
5. That he cannot recollect any particular circumstances except as above related nor no names of officers from the circumstances which took place at the time.
6. That during the time he served as now commissioned officer he never received a written discharge.—The only ;written commission he ever held is herewith transmitted—but he never received a written commission as Quarter Master in the different terms which he served as such and that it was not usual when the staff officers were appointed by the Colonel for them to record.

7. The clergyman to the congregation with which he is in full communion is a very young man and a stranger to this deponent until within a few years, and this deponent would therefore refer to the honorable Abraham G. Hardenbergh who this deponent has known from a boy, and Peter Mowris his neighbor & companion, and to all his neighbors for his character standing.

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 this deponent further saith that shortly after the revolutionary war. There being an other person of the same name with this deponent and his elder he wrote his name John J. Roosa, but that in common conversation and when addressed he was known and distinguished by the name of Johannes, and further he saith not.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year first above written in open court.
(Signed) John J. Roosa

Abm. G. Hardenburgh, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges.

A.D. Soper, First Judge &c.