

**Pension Application for Alias Rose (Elias, Nancy, or Annmatie)**

W.17546

State of New York

County of Schenectada SS.

On this second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared before me Elius L. David – one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County Alias Rosa a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County & State aged seventy nine 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He was born at a place called Shawangunk in the now County of Ulster in said State on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1753. He has no record of his age except a memorandum left him by his parents.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in the then township now city of Schenectady aforesaid, and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said city; also in Long Island, New York City & in the State of New Jersey, and for the last ten years he has lived in Schenectady aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the latter part of the month of July in the year 1775, he entered Captain Jesses Fonda's Company of minute men, and served as a minute man he thinks for about two years, when said Captain Jesses Fonda took, the command of a company of Militai in the Regiment where of Abraham Wemple was Colonel, and he remained a member of said Company of Militia until the end of the war—being that during the whole of said period & also while he served as a minute man orderly sergeant in said company. His other company and field officers whom he recollects were Andries VanPatten Lieutenant, Nicholas Yates Ensign, Abraham Swits.

In the summer of the year 1775, he was ordered out to Ticonderoga, & was there engaged for some time under one captain Hilton in erecting fortifications and building boats for the use of the American Army.

Early in the fall of that year he marched under General Schuyler with the American troops to St. Johns from thence Isle de Aux Noix. He was with the Detachment that reduced Fort Chamblee & after the reduction of this fort, (he) marched to Fort Edward & was there until near the end of the year 1775. The whole period for which he served in this northern campaign was one hundred and eighty days. At the conclusion of this campaign the whole of his company were ordered out with the troops under Generals Schuyler and TenBrouck to Johnstown, to wit in the beginning of the year 1776 on which occasion Sir John Johnson & his dependents were made prisoners on capitulation. In this last expedition he was from home about two weeks.

From the latter part of the month of May till the close of the month of October 1777, he was in service at Fort Edward, Fort Ann, & Fort Miller. He was in the battle

at Fort Miller in June 1777, retreated to the quarter guard and then to the camp at Fort Miller where they were reinforced by General Arnold and seventy regular troops & fought till dark. He was one of the 300 volunteers under Colonel Gordon who engaged in the battle at Snookkill. When the battle of Bennington took place, he remembers he was on gat Fort Edward. He was in the whole retreat of General Schuyler & remained on duty until after the capture of Burgoyne. In the whole of this campaign he was out at least five months. After the surrender of Burgoyne he marched with a guard to Schenectady & escorted from thence a number of Tories to the army.

When the claimant heard of the Destruction of Cherry Valley in the fall of the year 1778, he went as a volunteer to the middle fort in Schoharie & remained there performing garrison duty about three weeks. When Ballston was burnt in the fall of the year 1780 he volunteered with the detachment that went in pursuit of the enemy under command of said Major Swits, and followed the enemy a considerable distance when they came up to them. Major Monroe their commander sent a messenger informing our detachment that if we continued to pursue him he would cause all the American prisoners (40) to be put to death, and fearing he might put this threat into execution our Detachment returned.

When Major Ross & Walter Butler made a descent on the Mohawk settlements it not falling to the lot of the claimant to go out, he again volunteered with the troops that were ordered out on this occasion under Col. Willett and Major Fink. He joined in pursuit of the enemy so far as West Canada Creek & there saw Walter Butler shot and tomahawked by an Oneida Indian. He was out in this expedition & in the one to Ballston at least two weeks. He was alist [sic] at Fort Paris. The claimant was out several times as a scout and Indian spy & took his tour of service in guarding Schenectady. He also assisted in putting up the fortifications around this place. In addition to the time he served as a minute man, the period for which he served his country in the expeditions he engaged in while in the militia (the most prominent of which are herein before given) exceeds Eighteen months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Schuyler, General Gansevoort, Colonels Warner, VanSchaick, Cortland & Harper besides those whose names are herein before given.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except those whose depositions are here to annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit Christopher Wand, John J. Schermerhorn and Isaac Truax.

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 with his mark) Alias Rosa

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid before me. Eliud L. Davis, Justice of the Peace