

Pension Application for Henry Ryfenburgh or Revenburgh or Reifenberg

R.9128 (Widow: Hannah) Henry died in 1836, his widow died November 29, 1839.

Henry Ryfenburgh son of Adam Ryfenburgh was born in Livingston and brought up in Clermont, lived with Henry Coon, and with him till 21, continued to live in Clermont till 30 years of age, moved thence into Taghkamic then Granger, then has lived ever since. Is about 88 years of age was christened in Dominie Box Church, has no record of his age remaining. 1752 was born as near he can recollect.

Did duty under Capt Henry Pulver about 6 months. L The Colonel was Peter Livingston; sent a month to Peekskill 1776, derrick Johnson was Lieutenant Colonel. Saml TenBroeck was major in the spring or summer of 1776 was again drawn on to go to Peekskill for 6 months. {Saw?} Spikeman once & near him Saml Vaddoms. Next time went down ton Peekskill Capt was Philip Smith from Clermont – lay at West Point went through Fishkill, was at Fort Montgomery, Stoney and Pupmpkin Hill. Saw Gen Clinton—stood guard –3 months in the fall of 1777. Served under Capt Henry Pulver he lived at the [???] Kill. Also served under old marks Platner—also did duty under Tiel Rockefeller the soldiers rendezvoused at [Abraham Coles?] public house was [???] when he went down for service he was in Capt Pulvers & Allen, he served [??] for wagons the was in Capt Smith ? was drawn for a soldier went to the [?] on horseback old Pter Livingston stood on the table and secured the horses from [?] and then he would call out the names of the soldiers who was [?] Saml TenBroeck was there & was at the time in the open air on the flat ground in front of the church [?] The 2d draft took place at the Blen store or at Derick Johnsons the next draft took place at the same but stood draft to go 6 months then was in Henry Palmer’s Company where he joined them Plaver was Capt. Patrolled the road from Harrison Point from Kingsbridge to old Old [?] W. [?] The 3d draft was in the summer of 1778. Ol George Laken was with this deponent also old John smith of Claverack & Chas Donnelly was on the company with this deponent.

This was poorly written perhaps as a draft.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 & July 7 1838. Act of 3d section of act of the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 12th February 1845 before the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said County of Columbia, the same being a court of Record appeared Peter Ryfenburgh a resident of the City & County of Albany in said state aged fifty four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, for the Revolutionary Services of my father Henry Rifenburgh deceased & this application is also made to obtain the benefit of the Act of 7th July 1832 or 3, [?] of act of 1838.

That my said Father said Hery Rifenburgh served in the war of the Revolution as stated by him in the annexed paper in the hand writing of Charles Esselstyne, as I verily believe.

Viz. That in the year 1776 he served under Captain Henry Pulver six months as stated by him in the said annexed paper, and that said Captain Henry Pulver in the same Captain Henry Pulver which John J. Best served under in 1776 at the same time my father did, and I am informed & believe that the same 6 months on the quarter part thereof was allowed Count when Christina Best Widow of said John J. Best applied for a pension under act of 7 July 1838, and this applicant under act of 7 July 1838, and this applicant refers to the papers of said John J. Best on file in the pension office.

Declarant further says that his said Father served in the company of Philip Smith 3 months as he believes and in the same company with Peter Shaver who he is informed drew a pension for the 3 months services in Philip Smith's Company & he refers to the statement of said Peter Shaver.

My father states he served under Marks Platner but does not state how long.

He also states service under Captain Tiel Rockefeller, a part of which the comptrollers certificate to be annexed hereto he is informed will shew.

& he claims that his father served 6 months under Pulver in 1776 & 3 months in 1777 & 3 months under Smith, & for the length of time the comptrollers certificate will shew under Diel on Tiel Rockefeller. How long he served under Marks Platner declarant cannot state.

This declarant is the oldest male of father's family & he is authorized to make this declaration by his brother, & sister who are the following Adam Ryfenburgh, Catharine Simmons, Margaret Coon, Hannah Coon, Betsey Coon. And who were all that were living at the service of my said father.

My father died on the 16th day of January 1836. Declarant further says that his mother survived his said Father and died on the 28th November eighteen hundred & thirty nine. That her name was Hannah & she remained the widow of his said father until her death.

That his mother said Hannah Ryfenburgh was married to his said Father either a short time before the war or during the war, & was certainly married before the first day of January 1794. There were three children of my said father older than myself viz Catharine Simmons, Margaret Coons, & Hannah Coons, the evidence which will be hereto annexed will shew the time of their marriage. (Signed with his mark) Peter Rivenburgh

Subscribed & sworn before me this 12th February 1845. Richard Carrigan
Justice of the Justices Court.