

Pension Application for Rufus Tift

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Declaration.

State of New York

County of Chautauqua SS

On this 12th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the court of Colon Pleas of said County, Rufus Tift a resident of the town of Ripley in said County & State aged seventy eight years the 18th day of the present month, who being 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 at Crown Point under Captain Grant for one month, that he returned to Vermont he thinks in the month of July to the Town of Clarendon.

In a few days he enlisted under Captain Oliver Potter, Lieut Ira Allen, Col. Seth Warner, Major -Safford for three months then went to Isle Aux Noix not far from Canada line & to St. Johns, thence to the St. Lawrence River, as an advanced guard, opposite Montreal. Staid there about six weeks. He assisted in preventing Gov. Carlton from landing and took he thinks six prisoners, & assisted also in conveying them to St. Johns, then returned & crossed the St. Lawrence to Montreal, staid a few days at Montreal and was discharged.

In January 1776 he enlisted again under the same captain in the town of Clarendon Vermont march[ed] again to Montreal when Gen. Woosten commanded thence to Quebec & then Gen. Arnold took command, remained there till the 6th day of May following, thence retreated and came back to the states, arrived at Stephentown in New York in the month of June.

In the year 1775 he joined Col. Ethan Allen as a volunteer at the surrender of Ticonderoga & he was in several short skirmishes the particulars are not recollected, and thinks as near as he can determine served in the American Army during the Revolution about ten months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, lexcept the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Rufus Tift

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court before me. F. B. Campbell