

**Pension Application for Ransford or Rantsford Avery**

W.8106 (Widow: Polly) Married January 20, 1816, her name before marriage was Polly Hutchinson. Ransford died March 27, 1849.

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[Note: a pension application by Ransford Avery is more lengthy than this one, but part of it is blacked and not legible.]

Rantsford Avery.

Additional declarations for Pension.

I Rantsford Avery who have subscribed & sworn to the annexed declaration for a pension made before the Probate Court on the twenty seventh day of August last past, now do on oath further testify & declare that he enlisted into the continental service as stated in his original (annexed) declaration sometime in the month of March in what part of the month he cannot tell, being aged & his memory impaired, but he well knows & perfectly recollects that he enlisted for a term of one year under Capt Parks, in March AD 1778 and stated in his s'd declaration annexed & he also well remembers that his record out that period of one year in actual service, with the exception of about three weeks, as he thinks, tho it might possibly have been a month, but certainly did not exceed that time when he being sick at New York his Brother was accepted as his substitute for that period.

He further states that in relative to the record period of service mentioned in s'd annexed declaration, that he only remembers that it was in the latter part of the summer of 1777 when he turned out to got to Saratoga & he remembers that he remained in service at s'd Saratoga & at Bemis Heights not far from two months & knows he was not discharged until after the surrender of Burgoyne. His memory having partially failed by reason of age he can not be more particular as to this last period of service.

The farther states that he is well known to Col. Orin Parks, Moses Parks, Edward Taylor Esq, & most of the Inhabitants of s'd Montgomery & the adjoining towns, who if called upon can testify as to his character & reputation of service, he served as a Private [?] the whole term. (Signed) Rantsford Avery.

Oliver B. Morris, Judge of the Court of Probate.