

Pension Application for Reuben Fosha

W.7312 (Widow: Fanny) Married East Chester, Westchester Co., NY on April 20, 1792. Four children, Isaac born July 26, 1795, Reuben Jr. born August 1, 1798, Joseph was born September 22, 1800, and Nancy born October 18, 1802. Reuben died July 17, 1837. The family Bible was lost while on board the boat Robert Fulton, the boat having been shipwrecked on Lake Erie in the year 1844.

In the matter of Reuben Fosha, Claimant for a pension under act June 1832.

State of New York

Alleghany County SS.

On this thirtieth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid now sitting Reuben Fosha a resident of the Town of Ossian, County & State aforesaid aged sixty 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 was born on the twenty sixth of March seventeen hundred and sixty five—he has no other record of his age than his own bible, which record of his age this deponent declares was copied from a bible of his mother's—was born on Long Island from whence, this deponent being three years of age, his parents moved to White Plains, Westchester County, New York—

From this place at the age of about eleven or twelve years this deponent enlisted into the militia of New York for nine (9) months—this was early in the spring of the year (thinks) seventeen hundred & seventy seven—he continued in the service eight months when he was taken sick, and had permission given him to be carried to his home, which was only as short distance from where the army lay—he remembers no officers names except his Captain ___Townsend—

The Army lay at White Plains in order to defend the Upper Country from the British who lay at New York—A part of the Continental Army lay here likewise, and this deponent has often seen Genl Washington at this place—remembers also to have here seen Col'nel Meiggs & Col'nel Willis—

The Militia continued all the time at White Plains & had no skirmishes—The British made several scouting parties, but no skirmishing ensued—

After the service mentioned this deponent continued to reside with his father at White Plains. About eleven years ago he moved to the Western section of New York to Ossian Alleghany Co'y where he now resides.

And this deponent further says that he has no other evidence of his services to offer than this his own affidavit & knows of no one whom he could procure to testify as to his services; nor has he any documents with which to substantiate his claims.

He offers the certificate Richard W. Porter and Joel J. Knapp of Ossian aforesaid as testimony of his character and their belief & reputation of his neighbourhood as to his being a Revolutionary soldier.

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) Reuben Fosha

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. J.W. Sherman, Clk