

Pension Application for Reuben Ganong or Ganoung

W.21177 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married November 6, 1784. Reuben died December 30, 1836.

State of New York

Putnam County SS

On this seventh day of February in the year 18[?]3 personally appeared before the court of Common Pleas of said County of Putnam Reuben Ganong a resident of the town of Carmel in the said County of Putnam aged seventy five years the 29th day of September last 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in July 1776 the declarant enlisted in Capt. Ebenezer Robinson's Company the lieutenants in this company were Nathaniel Scribner & Isaac Townsend and was with said company to Peekskill in Westchester county at that time the country was alarmed on account of three British frigates coming up the Hudson river (to wit) the Roebuck, Phoenix & Rose. The declarant at this time served five days part of the time at Peekskill and part of the time on Constitution Island nearly opposite West Point that he was there discharged but had no written discharge.

On the 8th day of October 1776 the declarant enlisted for three months under Capt. Nathaniel Scribner in a company of rangers. Joseph Field was lieutenant they were mustered in the town now SouthEast at one [Motts?]. Col. John Field was muster master the service of the company was to detect tories & carry them to the Committee of Safety at Fishkill.

The declarant does not recollect of but one field officer that one was Major Melanchton Smith. The service was performed principally in the south part of Dutchess County (now Putnam County) until the month of December 1776 then the company was ordered to Peekskill staid there about eight days then went to Pine's bridge in Westchester county, from Pine's bridge to North castle & then to Bedford in said Westchester County & was at Bedford aforesaid discharged on the 8th of January 1777 at night but had no written discharge.

In January 1777 the militia were called out but the declarant was not called out as the term of the service of the declarant had just expired but Col. Ludington & Col. Field ordered or sent & the declarant a sergeant of the name of Samuel Rice & two other persons to take & filed back some deserters from their regiment which regiments were then lying at North Castle in said Westchester County. The declarant with the others aforesaid did take such deserters & return them to the regiment aforesaid. The term of service at this time performed was five days.

About the first of April 1777 the declarant on account of one Joshua Hughson & others coming from the British at New York In to the neighborhood of the declarant to steal property from the inhabitants was called out by Capt. Scribner aforesaid for

the purpose to take the said Hughson & others were not able to take them though they had robbed some persons—The service performed at this time was two full days.

In April the latter part thereof of 1777 the declarant was called out on an alarm in Capt. David Waterbury's company of militia the alarm was on account of the British landing & proceeding to Danbury at the time the British did burn Danbury. The company went to Ridgefield in Connecticut before it came near the British forces & then followed them on or near the sound where the British went aboard of their ships at [Compo?]. The term of service at this time was as much as four days.

In June 1777 the company of Militiamen under Capt. David Waterbury's was called out with Col. Henry Ludington's regiment to Peekskill at the declarant understood because the British was expected up the Hudson river. The declarant was then in service at least seven says.

In July 1777 about the middle of July on account of another alarm was called out in said David Waterbury's company in said Col. Ludington's regiment and went again to Peekskill. The regiment lay about 4 miles from Peekskill village. The service that the declarant performed at this time was two days.

On the 4th of October 1777 the declarant was again called out as a militiaman in said Capt. Waterbury's company to go to Peekskill.

The declarant did go with the company as such militiamen to Peekskill & the next day was discharged the service at that time performed was two days.

The declarant directly after Fort Montgomery was taken in October 1777 was called upon; by said Capt. Waterbury to go and guard the stores at the Red Mills so called in the south part of then Dutchess County (now Putnam County). The declarant staid with said Capt. three days to guard the stores & until a company was raised for that purpose, the term of service performed at this time was three days.

The declarant in 1777 in October directly after the last mentioned term of service had expired enlisted in Capt. Comfort Ludington's Company Timothy Delevan Lieutenant for one months & a half he served the time aforesaid in said company part of the time in guarding the stores at the Redmills aforesaid & part of the time lay at Crompond in Westchester county—does not know that the belonged to any regiment, but did draw rations form General Parson's brigade. The term of service then performed was one month & half—

In June 1778, Major Ebenezer Robinson called on the declarant & three others to go on a scout to range the woods in the neighborhood to find some of the lower party (as the British was called) as the men supposed to be in the neighborhood, the said declarant and others to the number of five in all went through the woods for three days & not finding any of them gave up the chase. The service performed at this time was three days.

In June 1779 the British come up the Hudson river & landed at VerPlank's point in Westchester County & took the block house which caused an alarm Capt. Nathaniel Scribner's company with & in Col. Henry Ludington's regiment were called to Fishkill & were marched down to Capt. Heights in the Highlands then were ordered to the scrub oaks in Westchester. The declarant was with the said regiment as a

militiaman all this time which was two weeks, at least, who was then discharged with the regiment.

In March 1781. That Capt. David Murrick's company of Militia in Col. Henry Ludington's regiment was called out to search the mountains in their neighborhood to search for the tory or british [British] robbers who had robed [robbed] Mr. Jay (the father of John Jay afterwards governor of New York) which Mr. Jay had had plate stolen as aforesaid as informed at that time. The declarant & the regiment went through the mountains in search of the robbers for several days. The declarant then served three days in said company & regiment.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services, that he was at every time regularly discharged but in no case had a written discharge and always went as a volunteer and as a private.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of agency of any state.

He further declares on his oath aforesaid in answer to the interrogatories propounded by the court, that he was born as he has been informed in the south part of Dutchess (now Putnam County) in the parts now called Carmel September 29, 1757.

The record of his age he has seen in his father's bible since he died his brother Edward has the bible.—The declarant has never lived more than four miles from where he now lives always in Dutchess & in what is now called Putnam County.

He wasn't always as a volunteer altho many times as a militiaman never as a substitute.

He knows of no general officers nor any other than those stated in the proceeding declaration, did never receive any written discharge.

That the persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his services are Joshua Gregory of Carmel & Amos Kniffin of the town of Southeast & the Rev'd Horace Bartlut of Carmel & Daniel Kent of Patterson. (Signed with his mark) Reuben Ganong

Sworn and subscribed in open court February 7th 1833. J. Morehouse, Clerk of s'd Court.