

## **Pension Application for Roswell Graham**

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B.L.Wt.12837-160-55

Declaration of Roswell Graham, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS

On this sixteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas not sitting in the town of Batavia in and for the County of Genesee and State of New York being a Court of Record and having a seal, Roswell Graham, a resident of the town of Batavia in the County of Genesee and State of New York aged sixty nine years on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1831—

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

That on the first day of August 1778, while he was residing in Granville in Washington County, N.Y. he was sent out into the State Militia by his class and he volunteered for one month and went to Skeenesborough under Lieut. Ebr. Farnsworth, who commanded the party—that Solomon Vine was Orderly Seargeant—that about seventy men were stationed there commanded by this Lieut—and that there were no other officers there—was there on guard—that after the month for which he volunteered expired he served there as a substitute for John Spring one month more and then remained there another month and served as a substitute for David McWhithey and he was then dismissed on the first of November 1778 and went home after having served three months.

That in the next month, December, he went to Skeensborough on an alarm and was out one week and again in the same month and at the same place and was out ten days.

That on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1779, eh volunteered again and went to Skeensborough under Lieut. Aaron Wright who commanded the party—that he does not recollect any other officers and that they had no Captain and was not attached to any Regiment—that he served one month as guard at that they had no Captain and was not attached to any Regiment- that he served one month as guard at that place, was then dismissed and went home.

That on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1779 he volunteered again and was stationed at the Stone House in Skeenesborough under the command of Capt. Silas Childs—Lieut Brundage—Ensign—Solomon Vine—no regiment there—volunteered for three months and remained then as guard till the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1780 when he was dismissed and went home.

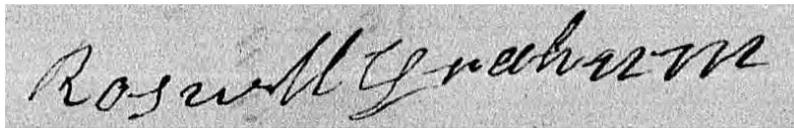
That on the first of May 1780, he volunteered again for one month and went to Skeensborough under Lieut. Brundage, Ensign Mitchell, served the month at Skeensborough and on scouting parties in the vicinity and when his month expired he served another month as a substitute for Daniel Steward, at the same place, and the

succeeding month he served at the same place—and the succeeding month he served at the same place as a substitute for William Turner and was dismissed on the first of August and went home.

That he never received any discharge, has no documentary evidence of his services—that he was born in Westfield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts on the 19 November 1762—that the Rev. Lucius Smith and Phineas L. Tracy live in his neighborhood, are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That since the war he lived in Granville, Washington County N.Y. about 20 years, Batavia, Genesee County, where he now resides—more than thirty years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roswell Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.