

Pension Application for Rufus Phelps

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State of Illinois

County of Ogle SS.

On this first day of June A.D. 1856 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Rufus Phelps aged eighty nine years a Soldier of the Revolution which separated the United States from Great Britain, enlisted of six months at Dutchess County State of New York by Sergeant Jones with several others.

In a few days left for Green Bush from thence to Schenectady & thence to Fort Herkimer where we wer[e] stationed until the Battle of Tylock [Turlock] in which Battle was wounded. After said battle was conveyed back to Fort Herkimer. My wound examined by the Surgeon of the Army who said I would not be able to do duty for sometime in consequence thereof I applied for and received a written discharge signed by Colonel Willet who was commander at the Battle of Tylock but not the Colonel of the Regiment to which I belonged. He being sick and absent most of the time I have forgotten his name.

My captains name commenced with Mc—[McKean] The other parte [part] I have forgotten. My discharge is lots. I was not quite Fifteen years old when enlisted was in the service about four and a half months before I was discharged to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am the only surviving of my company I have not applied for any remuneration for my services in defence of my country under any act whatever, until now, and should not have made application at this time had I not been unfortunate in the loss of my property by becoming security for others. I can now make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining Bounty land to which I am entitled under the act of Congress granting lands to the soldiers of the Revolution and others, and also for the bounty formerly granted to the soldiers of the Revolution for like services. (Signed) Rufus Phelps