

Pension Application for Joseph Rhoads or Rhodes

S.45583

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

Joseph Rhodes of the Town of Plattekill in the County of Ulster and State of New York being duly sworn on his oath says that he is now sixty two years of age & upwards, that he is reduced in circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support.

That this deponent was enlisted as a private soldier in the Company of Captain Henry Dubois in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois in the Brigade commanded by General James Clinton in the Continental service of the United States of America.

That this Deponent continued during all the time in the said service until the end of said war when this deponent was honorably discharged at New Windsor in the County of Ulster by Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Regiment to which this deponent was then attached and has received six hundred acres of Bounty Land from the State of New York.

This Deponent further saith that about fifteen years ago in coming from the County of Schoharrie [Schoharie] (in which County this deponent then resided) to the County of Ulster he lost a bundle of Papers amongst which was his discharge & that this deponent never has been able to obtain any information that the same has been found.

This deponent further saith that on the third day of January 1817 this deponent obtained a certificate from Colonel Philip VanCortlandt which is hereto annexed and in the same of this deponents discharge this deponent would refer the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War to the Must & Pay Rolls of the said army for the Correctness of this deponents statement if still in existence in the Office of the Department of War and further saith not. (Signed) Joseph Rhoads

Sworn the 6th April 1818 before me Lucas Elmendorf first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster and State of New York.

Letter in folder dated January 12, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Joseph Rhoades who, you state, served under Colonel Lewis Dubois, had a brother John killed at the storming of Fort Montgomery, also had a daughter Mary who married Frederick Hadley, son of Frederick and Catharine (Purdy) Hadley, all of whom lived in Ulster, County, New York, and of Bogardus Hatch, who, you state, died May 24, 1836, at the age of seventy-four years nine months twenty-four days, and his wife, Deborah, died May 16, 1841, at the age of seventy-five years, both being buried in Columbia County, New York, and that his daughter, Chloe, married William R. Owens and moved to Erie County, New York.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolution of a Borgardus Hatch, under any spelling. Such claims are the source of

data furnished by this office in regard to soldiers of the Revolutionary Ar. The record of Joseph Rhoads follows as found in pension claim, S.45583, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Joseph Rhoads are not shown.

Joseph Rhoads enlisted in the spring of 1777, served as private in Captains Henry DuBois' and Pawling's companies, Colonels Lewis DuBois' and Philip VanCortlandt's New York regiments during his service was stationed at Fort Montgomery, in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, in the battles of Monmouth and at the surrender of Cornwallis in which he received several wounds and was discharged at the close of the Revolutionary War.

The soldier moved about 1803 from Schoharie County, New York, to Ulster County, in the same state.

Joseph Rhoads was allowed pension on his application executed April 6, 1818, at which time he gave his age as "sixty-two years and upwards" and was a resident of Plattekill, Ulster County, New York. He signed his surname Rhoads. In 1820, he was residing in New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, when he gave his age as "sixty-one years and better", with no explanation of the discrepancy. He died December 21, 1851.

In 1820, the soldier stated that he was living with his wife and seven children and that he had other children who were married and not living at home. The following names of children were given:

Phoebe, born July 16, 1791.

Elizabeth born October 27, 1793.

Nancy born May 16, 1798.

Benjamin, born December 3, 1801.

Jeremiah, born April 5, 1804.

Julia, born April 19, 1808.

Rebecca, born November 17, 1811.

Jane, born October 21, 1815.

The name of Joseph Rhoads' wife was not shown in the claim.