

Pension Application for Joseph Rixford or Raxford or Rexford

W.5708 (Widow: Anna)

Joseph Raxford born March 5th 1763

Anna Rexford his wife born Dec 21st 1775

Almarilla Raxford born April 15th 1801, died July 14, 1817.

Delia Raxford born March 5th 1803

Joseph W. Raxford born April 2nd 1806

John H. Raxford March 30th 1808

Rebeca Raxford Born Oct 9th 1811, married April 3, 1836 Charles Taylor.

Henry Raxford Feb 12th 1815

Luther S. Raxford August 7th 1817

Maria Ann Taylor, born December 8, 1836

Hariet Matilda Taylor born March 29, 1839

Willum H. or W. Taylor born July 10, 1841

Marilla- - - June 28, 1845

Daniel Taylor born May the 10, 1846

Freman William Thjurston born August 18, 1831

Willum W. Thurston born September 23, 1833.

State of Connecticut County of Litchfield SS

Probate District of Sharon.

At a Court of Probate for the district of Sharon holden at Salisbury in and for the District of Sharon on the 30th day of July AD 1832. Present: Samuel Church Esq, Judge.

On this 30 day of July AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the same being a court of Record now sitting Joseph Rexford a resident of Sharon in the County of Litchfield & State of Connecticut & Probate district of Sharon aged as he believes about seventy 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 7, 1832.

I was born in the said town of Sharon and while quite young was bound as an apprentice to one Rueben Mudge of Chatham in the County of Columbia & State of New York then called the [Gone?] when I was about fifteen years of age my master the said Reuben Mudge was drafted to serve in the state troops or New York Militia by reason of the alarm occasioned by the advance of the British Partisans Brant & Butler, at this time for the said State of New York; I was marched under Captain Bartholomew Barret with other troops and crossed the Hudson River at Albany thence to Schenectady and up the Mohawk River to a place called Warren's Bush about ten or fifteen miles south of the Mohawk River.

Soon after this I was engaged in the battle against the forces under the said Brant & Butler on the same day that Colonel brown was killed at a place called Stone Roby or Stone Arabia. Colonel Brown was killed by Brant & Butlers forces in the fore

part of the day & we had the fight with them in the after noon near night & drove them across the Mohawk River we followed the enemy to a place then called Fort Herkimer. I did not follow the army any further but I remained at the Fort & kept guard until I returned home & I was absent at this time in the service as before stated about one month General John Van Rensselaer was out at the same time & as near as I recollect had the chief command. I have no discharge from any service but was dismissed as soon as the Continental troops arrived to take our place.

I was sixteen years of age the next March after my return home as aforesaid & during the same month of March I enlisted for nine months service in the New York State troops on the Continental line or new Levies. I can't remember what we were called, I enlisted under Captain Holt Dunham was examined & took the necessary oath at Claverack in the said County of Columbia in the name of Lieut [Army?] company I have forgotten the adjutant of the Regiment to which I belonged was Fonda and the name of the Major was John McKinstry and the name of my Colonel was Willis as I think, when I enlisted as aforesaid I resided in the said Chatham & lived with my master the said Reuben Mudge, I do not remember the year in which I enlisted it was while they were raising the nine months men.

I was marched to Saratoga in the State of New York and remained there in service until near the expiration of my term of enlistment, when after having served between eight and nine months & was taken sick & my father came after me & I returned home, I was not during that term of service engaged in any battle, but was originally employed on Scouts. I don't recollect the names of any other officers who were at Saratoga then those already named except a captain Gray and General Schuyler near whose place of residence I was stationed I contracted a disease during this time of Service which was the occasion of bearing the service, which continued for about three years & there was the reason I suppose why I received no discharge.

I know of no person now living by whom I can prove the service aforesaid, but on a former occasion I made application for a pension under the law of 1818 when I obtained the testimony of my Major the said John McKinstry of Hudson Columbia County & State of New York who made oath to my service as aforesaid and also the affidavit of my brother Ervin Rexford who then lived in Cooperstown in the said State of New York, these affidavits were forwarded to the War Office & I have not since then seen nor as I know where they are, Major McKinstry is since dead & from my brother I have not since heard & do not know whether he be alive I do not know in what year I was born & have no record of my age. Ever since I was twenty one years of age I have lived in the said town of Sharon, except about eight months when I lived in Hudson in the State of New York & I now live in said Sharon.

I do not recollect the number or name of the Regiment to which I belonged nor any other officers nor Regiment than those already named. I am known to Cyrus Hoeven Esqr, Hon Ansel Sterling, Hon Charles H, Lodewick, Jacob Chamberlain Esq & Thomas Heath and many others who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He the said Rexford hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pensions or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state to his knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)
Joseph Rexford.

Abijah C. Peet, Clerk of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon.