

### **Pension Application for Stephen Roe**

W.18829 (Widow: Rebecca) Married February 19, 1784. Stephen died November 9, 1838.

Declaration of Stephen Roe.

I Stephen Roe resident in the county of Ulster and State of New York aged sixty nine years enlisted for the term of one year and as near as I can recollect I enlisted the last of February or the first of March in the year 1776 at Stillwater Saratoga County and State of New York in the company commanded by Capt. Job Wright in the Regiment commanded by Goose VanSchaick Colonel in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment the said regiment was stationed at Fort George in the State of New York to defend the frontiers from the invasion of the savages at which place towards the close of the campaign I being a waiter to Doct Daniel Budd, Surgeon of said regiment the said Surgeon having towards the close of the campaign obtained leave of the commanding officer of the regiment to visit his family residing at Schoharie obtained permission for me to attend him but I being taken sick at Stillwater I was not able to return with him to the camp in consequence of which I was permitted to continue at Stillwater till I was able to join the regiment but did not recover my health till the close of the campaign at which time I was discharged at Stillwater the above statement is according to the best of my recollection.

The following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension Colonel Josiah Hasbrouck who was a resident in the same town and County with myself viz the town of Plattekill County of Ulster in the State of New York and with whom I was intimately acquainted and who at the time the act was passed by Congress for granting pensions to indigent persons who served nine months or upwards at one period of enlistment in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment was a representative in Congress.

I not understanding what the words (Continental establishment) shortly after the Colonels return from Congress I applied to him for information he informed me that the meaning was all those who served nine months or upwards after the declaration of Independence were on the Continental establishment but those who enlisted previous to the Declaration of Independence were donated state troops and were in consequence debarred from the pension act after the Colonel gave me the above information I informed him when and where I enlisted and that I had it in contemplation to go to Saratoga County, where I enlisted in quest of witnesses to my services it being rising a hundred miles from my place of residence he replied that he thought it would be of no avail for me to go spend my time and money he thought it useless since the regiment I belonged he thought was raised by the state I therefore confiding in the Colonels opinion gave over the pursuit until last fall in the year 1826, hearing that the regiment to which I belonged was on the Continental establishment I was induced to proceed—

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any

part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

I am the owner of no real estate as to what personal property I possess it consists in the following articles viz.

1 small cow supposed to be worth \$10.00  
1 Heiffer 8.00  
1 old second handed Stove & Pipe \$8, 1 second handed looking glass 9.36  
1-old ax 40/or 50 cts, 1 old hoe & 1 new hoe 56 cts 1.05  
1 small bible 52[?] 1 small lot of old books consisting of two or three sermon books psalm book a few tracts and pamphlets 1.31  
7 old chairs some of which are broken 1.75  
2 old four casks 25 cts each & 3 old cups 15 cts each .70  
1 churn 75 cts 1 pair of old and Irons 60 cts 1.35  
1 small pair of old hand bellows .18  
11 chickens & 6 old fowls 2.00  
1 small lot of poor [undressed?] flax & Fodder 6.50  
1 old broken fire shovel & tongs .56  
Besides a few cooking utensils supposed to be worth \$2.50 cts 2.50  
Also a few trifling minute things .35

The above named articles are all I possess subscribed by me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov'm 1827 Stephen Roe

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\$50.62

As to my occupation not having any trade I do anything that comes to hand working at days work making a few baskets &c with respect to my ability to pursue labour in addition to Debility caused by old age. I am troubles with the asthma very often when exertion is necessary in pursuing my avocations so that in addition to other infirmities render me unable to perform sufficient labour to support my Family without assistance either public or private the latter we have received for several years.

My family consists of my wife Rebekah aged 61 years my youngest daughter Rebakah aged 28 years together with her two children the oldest named Hester and aged 3 years the youngest named Abigail Jain aged 7 months my said daughter Rebekah having married a man by the name of Nathaniel Plumsted who proving a felonious dissipated character absconded in the last winter of the present year and left his wife & 2 children to the mercy of the public she being in a weakly debilitated state and subject to spasms & other complaints the overseers of the poor agreed to pay me one dollar & fifty cents per week only for keeping her and her children as for my wife she is in such a weak debilitated state that she is unable to contribute much to our

support with respect to changes in my circumstances as no material changes have taken place since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

Subscribed by me Stephen Roe in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Ulster in the State of New York the said Court being a Court of record having a clerk & seal and the common law powers of fine & imprisonment & keeping records of their proceedings & declared and sworn to before the subscriber the presiding Judge of said Court & the other Judges thereof – this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1828. (Signed) Stephen Roe

Attest Lucas Elmendorf, First Judge of said Court.

Letter in folder dated May 27, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18829, it appears that Stephen Roe was born January 31, 1758, place not stated.

He enlisted at Stillwater, New York, in February or March 1776 and served one year as private in Captain Job Wright's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 8, 1818, while a resident of Marlborough, Ulster County, New York. He died November 9, 1838.

Soldier married February 19, 1784, at New Paltz, Rebecca (maiden name not given), she was born February 19, 1787. She was allowed pension on her application executed July 10, 1843, while a resident of Milton, Ulster County, New York.

Their children were—

Bentley born January 17, 1785.

Hannah born June 14, 1786.

Abigail born December 25, 1787.

Eli born September 3, 1789.

Joseph born July 19, 1791, died Jan. 4, 1793.

Levi born October 19, 1793.

Rebekah born September 20, 1799.

William Marsh born June 7, 1808.

Rebekah married Nathaniel Plumsted (date not stated), in 1828, her two children, Hester, aged three years and Abigail Jain, aged seven months, are referred to.

Rebecca Roe's mother, Hannah Lewis, died August 29, 1795, forty-seven years.