

Pension Application for Luke Romer

S.14352

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this eleventh day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before Abraham D. Soper, Abraham G. Hardenbergh & Abraham A. Deyo, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Ulster aforesaid sitting as a court of Record having a clerk and a common seal, Luke Romer a resident of the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty two 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.

That he was born in the city of New York on the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty.

That he has no record of his age. The bible containing the same having about twenty years since been lent by him to the use of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Klyne Esopus in the town of Esopus in Ulster County. That this deponent having removed from that place as hereinafter mentioned, and the Low Dutch language (in which the said bible was printed) having fallen into disuse for several years in the said church, he has not after diligent search & enquiry been able to find the same.

That this deponent entered the service of the United States, under the circumstances and served as herein after stated,

That he resided in the city of New York in Maiden Lane of said city in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five—and entered into the service of his country and volunteered.

That the name of his captain was Dunn, and according to his recollection the name of his Lieutenant was Alstyne; and that of his ensign was Green. That this was in the latter part of the summer of the year last aforesaid. That he was one of the persons who took possession of the thirty two guns on the battery, and also of the public Stores of the British. That during the time they were engaged in taking the said guns they were fired upon by the Asia a sixty gun ship. That he assisted in raising a battery and of other defences.

That he was on duty during the winter following and the next summer until he was taken on Long Island according to the best of this deponents recollection in the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at the battle of Flatbush. That at the time he was taken prisoner. He was under the command of Capt. Duryee.

That in July first after the declaration of Independence he acted as one of the escort when the guns were tried by the American Army in presence of Gen. Washington & other officers. That during this Trial two men were killed by the bursting of a cannon, and that previous to this deponents being taken as a prisoner

he had served as a soldier & a volunteer for more than eight months & as this deponent believes about nine months.

That when taken prisoner, he effected his escape on the March, and after being three days concealed he stole a boat & got over to Tappan in New Jersey to the residence of his uncle. That shortly afterwards hears one of the twelve volunteers who under one Major Blauvelt, went with a boat in orders to obtain ammunition from West Point, that they started in the night from Tappan bay and proceeded up the run with muffled oars, and passed to british armed vessels arrived at West Point and returned to Tappan by land, that after this time and until the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, this deponent was almost constantly on actual service but he cannot recollect the names of his officers or any peculiar circumstances which transferred under his persona observation, excepting that he was In the battle of Princeton.

That In the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight he entered as a volunteer Rifleman into nine months service in the State of New Jersey. That the name of his Colonel was Joseph Philips. That of his Major Joseph Breasley and the Ensign of the company in which he served was Asher Mershow. But that he cannot recollect the names of his other officers, and is enabled to recollect those above named with preciseness only by means of the annexed certificate which he received at the time it bears date from the persons who signed the same. That this deponent served out the term of his engagement and if his recollection serves hi right about one month more.

That shortly afterwards he removed into Lancaster Pennsylvania and resided there about seventeen years when he removed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, to the town of Kingston Esopus in Ulster County in that part thereof which is now the town of Esopus. That he resided there about twenty one years when he removed to the Town of Fabius In the County of Onondaga where he continued to reside until the month of June last past when he came to reside at Kingston Ulster County his present residence.

That during the month of October last this deponent in company with his son went down to the city of New York and to New Jersey in order to obtain the evidence of some of his contemporaries as to services but alas, none survived of any of those whom this deponent could recollect, but that he was enabled to obtain the affidavit of Jas. Breasley and Geo. Rozell as to the genuineness of the certificate aforesaid and which affidavit is hereto annexed.

That this deponent is known in his present neighborhood with John Gosman a clergyman of the protestant dutch Reformed church & Joseph Houghtaling and others who can testify as to his veracity and the belief that this deponent served as is [?] in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except what may be awarded to him upon the present application and declares that his name is onto on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Luke Romer

A.D. Soper, First Judge &c. A. G. Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, Judges