

Pension Application for Cornelius Roosa

W.24786 (Widow: Elizabeth)

Sstate of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John T. Irving, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the City and county of New York now sitting Cornelius Roosa a resident of the City and County of New York in the State of New York aged seventy 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 entered the service of the United States in a Militia Regiment of New York under Colonel Johannes Jansons and as volunteer, that he was engaged in the protection of Forts Montgomery and Clinton in the month of June 1777.

In July of the same year he was detached with Captain Siah Robinsons Company which belonged to Jansons Regiment to guard the Public Stores at Walkill in Ulster County, in the early part of October of the same year he returned ton Fort Montgomery and on the sixth day of October in the same year was made prisoner at that place by the British and conducted to New York where he was confined in the prison ship [Goodwinlan and Tryon ?] until the seveth [seventh?] day of August 1778, when he was released and reached home on the tenth day of the same month.

In September 1778 deponent engaged as volunteer to the west side of Shawangunk mountains on an excursion against the Indians, in this service he was engaged one week. In October he volunteered in Captain Robinsons company of Col Jansons Regiment and continued one month on duty guarding the western frontiers in Ulster County State of New York.

He saith he was born in the year 1760 the 30? Day of Nov'r the record of his birth is in the Family Bible at Shawangunk and in the Books of the Church at that place, he was living at Shawangunk when he entered the service, then sixteen years of age, he is now aged seventy two, he has resided in Ulster County and continued there until 1785. Then removed to Bergen County State of New Jersey and continued there until 1789.

He has since resided in Orange County state of New York eighteen years in Albany nine years and has resided in the City of New York the last fourteen years and now resides there.

He entered the service as a volunteer and as is above stated. His services are herein before stated. He served with governor Clinton, at Fort Montgomery, Col Dubois of the 5th New York regiment was there. Col. James McClaugry and General James Clinton were at Fort Clinton, Major Logan of Dubos Regiment & Lieutenant at Col. Bruyn were taken prisoners at Fort Montgomery with deponent William J. Forbes of the City of New York aged 81 knows of deponent and can testify to deponents services in the Revolutionary war. James M. Matthew doctor of ;divinity and the

Honorable John F. Irving First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of New York can testify as to deponents veracity and their belief of his services.

Deponent saith, that while in Ulster County he was continually and actively engaged in service, the British being on the Eastern and Southern border and the Indians on the Western frontier, they were obliged to keep under arms the great part of the time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Cornelius Roosa

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Abm. Asten, Clerk