

Pension Application for Jacob J. Roosa

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State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On the eleventh day of march one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County now sitting being a; court of record having by law a clerk and a seal, Jacob J. Roosa a Resident of the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster and 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1777 in the month of July men were drafted from the militia to serve for three months at the north in order to stop the progress of Genl Burgoyne—George Middagh of said town of Marbletown with whom this applicant then lived was drawn on—said applicant agreed to go into the above service as a substitute for said Middagh—that he entered said service as a private Capt. Charles Brodhead, Moses Cantine Lieut., John Cantine Major, one Graham was our Colonel—went from Kingston on board of a sloop to Albany from thence to Half-Moon, and so on to Saratoga, was there when both battles were fought,, and was in an engagement in which westward the Hessian Breast Works – my brother John who was in the same company and the next man tome was wounded in this engagement.

After this I was sent home with my brother & came home the same day that Kingston was burnt by the British—was out in this service three months as a private - -was attached to Genl Glovers Brigade—Saw Genl Gates frequently—See the affidavit of John J. Roose hereto annexed.

In the year 1778 in the month of May or June—said applicant was drafted as a private into the army of the United States for the term of nine months in order to fill up Col. Cortlandts Regiment—there were four & five drafted out of the company to which this applicant belonged – Marched from Marbletown through Orange County and New Jersey to Easton in Pennsylvania from thence to Valley Forge—Where we joined Col. Cortlandt's Regiment—Wysenfelt was our Lieutenant. Col. Nicholas Fish Major, Edward Lounsberry Capt.—Wysenvelts a [?] of the Col Was Lieutenant, shortly after we joined the Regiment Capt Lounsberry resigned, land I do not now recollect the name of the Capt, who was placed in his [?]-after laying at Valley Forge for sometime the British who were in Philadelphia moved off—we crossed the Delaware and went in pursuit of them—overtook them at Monmouth in New Jersey and had a battle with them, in which we were the better of them—in the night they retreated towards New York—we were then marched on to White Plains in Westchester County—and said applicant was frequently with others sent as a Guard to Haverstraw and the surrounding country—the army was encamped for sometime at White Plains—from thence we were ordered and marched to FishKill where we laid a few days, and then marched on to Poughkeepsie, where we crossed the River and took our march through

New Paltz to Rochester and Neversink on the frontiers in Ulster County where we served on scouts for a short time, when that part of the Regiment to which was made up [of] Militia drafts as aforesaid were discharged at Wawarsink aforesaid sometime in March in the year 1779 after serving said term of nine months—said applicant was one of the number—

Said applicant would state that he never applied for a pension on account of said last mentioned services, because he was excluded from the benefit of the former provision by being in the possession and ownership of property above the amount specified in said law. See the affidavit of Andries Davis hereto annexed who was in the same company with said applicant in this service and has had a pension allowed him under the act of June last as said applicant has understood and believes.

In the year 1779 when Gen. Sullivan's army went in pursuit of the Indians, men were drafted from the Militia sometime in the latter part of the summer to go through the wilderness to Ochquago? In order to carry provisions and stores for said army—said applicant was one of said drafted men, and went to said place with provisions and stores under the command of Capt Derick Westbrook.

Was out one month on this expedition as a private. See the affidavits of John J. Roose who was in the same company with me in this service.

In the same year (1779) immediately on his return from the above service said applicant engaged as a substitute for Jonathan Wisner, who was drafted for the Term of Three months to go to stony Point—said applicant served said term of three months as said substitute as a private at Stony Point—and was employed in guarding and scouting about the surrounding Country, and in repairing the fort at that place—served in a company commanded by Capt Hunter—after serving said term of three months was discharged at Stony Point aforesaid (does not recollect the precise month)—recollects it was In the winter, the snow was more than knee deep—see the affidavit of Andries Davis hereto annexed.

In the year 1781 in the paring (said applicant believes in the months of April & May) said applicant served for the month under Capt. Kortright on the frontiers at Wawarsink in the County of Ulster—this was called one months guard—served as Orderly Sergeant as a Substitute for Stephen Nottingham—was placed in a fort there, and scouted out daily to guard the Inhabitants from the barbarity of the Indians and Tories—was discharged at said Warwarsink after serving said one month—said applicant knows of no one now living, who was with him in this service, or by whom he can prove the same.

In the same year (1781) said applicant volunteered and did serve for the Term of one month as a private on the said frontiers at Wawarsink under Capt Bevier—this was also called one months guard—scouted out daily in order to guard the Inhabitants from the Tories and Indians—and was discharged at Wawarsink aforesaid after serving said term of one month this service was in the fall of said year—Either in September or October or part of both—said applicant does not recollect the precise month. See the affidavit of Christopher VanDenvan, who served in the same company at this time with said applicant.

Said applicant hereto also served frequently on alarms and scouting parties along said frontiers for one week, and less at a time, in great danger from the savages; which services he cannot now particularize—the Country where said applicant resided in the Revolution was on the frontiers, and was during the whole war harassed by parties of Indians and Tories—and said applicant does positively says that he has served his Country in the Revolutionary War for the several terms above set forth, amounting in the whole to eighteen months, besides several others short periods which he cannot now specify.

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the Court as prescribed by the War Department said applicant on his oath states 1st that he was born on the 12th day of April 1761 at Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York; 2^d that his age is recorded in the family Bible of his father, now in possession of his brother Andries J. Roose—3^d that he was living in Marbletown aforesaid when called into service, has lived there ever since in the Revolution[ary] War except for a few years when he served in the adjoining tours of Rochester, and now under in said town of Marbletown—4th that he entered the service at the several times within stated as in within mentioned. 5th that he cannot now recollect the names of any other regular officers, or continental or Militia regiments, or any other circumstances of said several services that what he has within set forth. 6th That on the first tour of his term of nine months under Col. Cortlandt he received a written discharge which has got lost—and that this was the only written discharge he ever received. That the militia received no written discharges—7th He is known to John Lounsberry, Peter A. Cantine & John A. Dewitt Esquires in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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 any state. (Signed) Jacob J. Roosa

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. A. D. Soper, First Judge. Abm. A.Deyo, Abmn. G. Hardenbergh, Judges.