

Pension Application for John A. Roosa

W.20036 (Catharine) Married July 8, 1788. John died November 20, 1839.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS

John A. Roosa of Mamakating & County of Sullivan being duly sworn deposeseth & saith in explanation & addition to the annexed declaration sworn to & subscribed by him on the 4th day of October 1832, that he enlisted to serve in Captain Jacksons Company under col. Cortlandt in April 1776 to serve therein one year or twelve months & mustered under said enlistment about the first of May then next and continued in said service eleven months at New Windsor & Fort Constitution and was discharged about the first of April 1777 at New Windsor by parole and the reason of his being thus discharged one month before the expiration of the year was on account of the regiment in which he served being ordered to the North & as he believes to Fort Stanwick and that his term of service had so nearly expired & deponent being under age & wanted at home by his father, he would only have time to march to the North before his term of service would expire, his Colonel Courtlandt (or as usually styled VanCortlendt) discharged this deponent as above stated.

That one Smith and as he believes James Smith was his Lieutenant Isaac Roosa his Brother was ensign, John [?] was his orderly sergeant, one VanSchaick was adjutant & one Benschoten was major under whom he served as aforesaid.

That his next term of service for eight months was under Capt. Levi DeWitt & Col Paulding in the year 1778 or 1779 and which he cannot distinctly recollect or say but knows that he enlisted in April in the town of Mamakating now Sullivan County & served out said term of eight months. That William Nottingham was his Lieutenant & Johannes T. Jansen his second Lieutenant, Aldert Roosa was Ensign, Samuel Davis & Peter Murphy were two of the Seargeants, Jeremiah VanAmburgh & Dennis Coleman were two Corporals under whom he served as last aforesaid.

That his last service under Captain DeWitt commenced in April 1780. That Johannes F. Jansen was Lieutenant, Aldert Roosa was Ensign, and believes said Davis was Seargeant, and said VanAmbrugh & Coleman were Corporals in said service & Levi Paulding was Colonel.

That at the end of each of the two last terms of service he was discharged at the house of Johannes Hardenbergh Esqr, Warwasing Ulster County In the month of December in each year, and recollects the day of the last discharge was a very snowy and stormy, cold day, and further says that his discharges were by parole and not written.

And deponent further said that he is not acquainted with any clergiman [clergyman] who is acquainted with his character or reputation as a soldier in the revolutionary Army & believes himself unable to procure such clergiman, as this deponent has lived for many year remote or distance from any Clergiman and further that deponents true name is & is written John A. Roosa though generally called John Roosa as stated in his declaration. (Signed) John A. Roosa

Sworn to & subscribed this 2d day of December 1824 before me. Grant B.
Martin Justice, of the Peace