

Pension Application for Storm Rosa

S.23876

State of New York

Greene County SS

On this third day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Greene now sitting, being a court of record, Storm Rosa, a resident of the town of Coxsackie in the County of Greene and State of New York aged between seventy six and seventy seven 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Coxsackie in the County of Greene and State of New York on the first day of April 1756—That he has a family record in which his age is recorded—that he has always resided in the said town of Coxsackie and still resides there.

That in the early part of the Revolutionary War and as soon as the year 1775, he was reenrolled in a company of Militia in the said town of Coxsackie commanded by Captain Myndert VanSchaick was deceased and that one Jeoiachim Tryon wherein believes is also dead was the lieutenant—

That Anthony VanBergen also deceased was the Colonel of the Regiment – That in the year 1775 the company to which he belonged was ordered to be in continued readiness for military service against the enemies of the country, and that for that purpose he was well as his fellow soldiers were constantly drilled and exercised for immediate duty; that they were ordered to be provided and were accordingly presented with muskets and ammunition—That from 1775 until the close of the revolutionary war this deponent was bound to military service for the United States and considered himself always liable to be called upon to render such service.

That the first actual service that he rendered was in the early part of the revolutionary war under a Capt. Hager from Schoharrie, who is the only officer whose name he remembers & who, from his age at that time, he presumes to be dead—That he was one of a company which was called the “Rangers”—

That their duty was to watch, examine and guard an extensive district of country; that the men belonging to the company were posted at a specified distance from each other and thus mostly in one line marched through the wilderness from place to place, frequently suspicious regions and arresting and examining all strangers & suspicious persons.

That he cannot with much precision state the time actually spent on this duty—that he does not think that it was less than six weeks and it may have been three months. That he was also called out upon another occasion to Albany and he thinks it was before the surrender of Burgoyne—that Myndert VanSchaack aforesaid was then his Capt. And that he was from home at that time from half a month to a month, but he cannot recollect the time with precision.

That he also upon another occasion engaged for three months service to go up the Mohawk river—that he does not here remember the name of any soldier who was there with him and who is living—That some of his acquaintances were there at the time, but are now dead.

That the aforesaid Myndert VanSchaick was his captain, that he cannot state the year—That he did service there (& he remembers perfectly well that he was at Johnstown) but less than six weeks, but whether his services for the whole term of three months were required he cannot say—he staid as long as he was required to stay.

That he was also ordered to join the American forces against Burgoyne—that he left Coxsackie either on the 18th or 19th of September 1777 and went on immediately to Bemis's Heights in the County of Saratoga and remained there and did duty until after the battle at that place and until as he then understood Burgoyne had been surrounded by the American forces—that he was then taken sick and remained sick for eight weeks that his actual duty at that time was about one month.

That in the year 1781 he was ordered out for four months service to a place called in the Indian Language Passamaquassac in the present town of Catskill in the county of Greene aforesaid—that he performed the four months service there under Philip Conine a Captain Lieutenant in the New York line of the Continental 'Army—that the soldiers were stationed there in a block house—All the services he resided were on his own account.

That he has no discharge or other written evidence never had one & That in addition to the services in the above declaration particularly specified this deponent declares that from the year 1775 to the close of the revolutionary war he was again and again called out & did military service for the United States upon scouting parties, upon alarms and upon various other and special occasions and at various other & different times—that he cannot with minuteness and particularly state those occasions.—That he was sometimes out a week some times, one, two, three and mere days—

That there occasions occurred so frequently and often so rapidly in succession; that he believes that the actual military service rendered by him in the American service during the revolutionary war, exceed the term of two years—That he always faithfully discharged his duty as a soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (signed) Storm Rosa

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court before me,
William W. B. Heermance Clerk.