

Pension Application for James Rose

W.24792 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married September 23, 1784. Elizabeth's maiden name was Cline.

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To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, at Albany convened. The petition of James Rose inhabitant of the town of Clarkstown County of Rockland and State of New York—Humbly sheweth that you petitioner engaged in the Army of the United States of America early in the year 1777 for nine months in Captain Hutchings Company in Col. Dubois's Regiment and was discharged at Closter in the State of New Jersey he immediately enlisted again in Col. Graham[s] Regiment for nine months and joined the standin[g] Army at Wight Plains [White Plains] and immediately after he was discharged he again enlisted in the Regiment of horse commanded by Col. Baly for one year (and after Col. Baly was taken prisoner and put on parole Col. Washington took the command of the said Regiment) and was discharged at Philadelphia when he returned home and then enlisted in Capt Lawrence company of Levies whereof Cornelius Ackerson was Lieutenant to reinforce the army of the United States annexed to Col. Harper's Regiment stationed at Fort Schuyler and was sent on command under Capt. Vorman and Drake to the Onodaga [Onondaga] Lake where he was taken prisoner by Sir John Johnson and carried to Canada there held a prisoner above two years and then sent home on parole from which your petitioner was not released till May 1783.

Your petitioner further begs leave to observe that in assisting to raise the glorious fabric of American Independence he left all that was near and dear to him and on his returned to the bosom of his family he came with an injured constitution and destitute of funds where with to make them remuneration consequently brought on your petitioner many years of extreme poverty.

Your petitioner conceives it unnecessary to use language, to state the cruelty and sufferings he underwent during his imprisonment for the purpose of exciting your consideration he hopes that the subject alone will be sufficient to awake your sympathy therefore suffice to say that your petitioner has referred applying to your honorable body for relief until the present moment but the extreme penury of his family and finding that his inability will render his futer [further] efforts insufficient to provide for their wants as they deserve.

Under these circumstances your petitioner is induced most respectfully to implore of your honorable body to grant him relief in such way as you may in your wisdom see fit. In fine if it may please you to grant the prayer of your petitioner for such an act he will in conjunction with his wife and nine children ever gratefully pray &c. (Signed with his mark) James Rose.

Rockland County, November the 6th 1811.

John Vanhouten

Sworn and subscribed before me this 16 day of Jany 1812. Thos Howard Clk of the said County.

Letter in folder dated May 10, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 24792, based upon the service of James Rose, during the War of the Revolution.

He enlisted, while residing in Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York, and served [not legible] months as private in Captain Hutchings' company in Colonel Dubois' New York regiment; a little later served in Captain Bell's company in Colonel Graham's New York regiment; after which served one year in Colonels Bayler's and Washington's Regiment of Light Horse; shortly after the expiration of the last service, he enlisted in Captain Jonathan Lawrence's company and served under Colonels Pawling, Malcolm and Harper, in the fall of 1780 was detached to serve under Captains Vrooman and Drake on an expedition of Ondaga Lake, he was taken prisoner by the Indians under Sir John Johnson, and carried to Canada, and held until released in the spring of 1783.

He married September 23, 1784 in New York City, Elizabeth Cline. They were married in the Parish of Trinity Church.

The soldier, James Rose, died April 15, 1822 in Phelps, Ontario County, New York.

His widow, Elizabeth, was allowed pension on her application executed September 25, 1843, then a resident of Phelps, New York, and was seventy-eight years of age.

In 1845 she was living in Clarkstown, New York, where she had two sons living, and at this time referred to her married daughters.

No names of children stated other than Eve Shirley, who in 1843 was thirty-eight years old and living in Phelps, New York.