

Pension Application for Lemuel Rose

W.22115 (Widow: Amy) Married March 6, 1777. Lemuel died June 3, 1834.

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On this first day of January personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county now sitting—Lemuel Rose a resident of the Town of Smithtown in the County of Suffolk & State of New York aged seventy seven on the fifteenth day of December last past, who being; 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 entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of March 1775 for the term of eight months under John Grinnell as Captain, Samuel Smith, Lieutenant & Alexander Ketcham Ensign, that after the formation of said Company they remained awhile at the Town of Huntington in said County where he enlisted—that soon after they were marched to the east end of Long Island & remained there about four months, when the company returned to Huntington aforesaid where they remained about three weeks & were then marched to New York to relieve the troops from New Jersey & that the company remained in the City about three months, the company were then marched to Fort Constitution on the North River & remained there untill the period of enlistment had expired.

But at the solicitation of Capt. Grinnell & other officers the company generally volunteered to stay untill regularly relieved & the company did so remain untill the month of march 1776, when the company returned home to Longisland [Long Island]. That he again enlisted in the service of the United States in or about the first of April 1776 in a company commanded by Nathaniel Platt, Henry Scudder Lieutenant, & [?] Smith Ensign, for the term of six months in a Regiment commanded by Josiah Smith as Colonel.

That the company was divided & a part remained at Huntington where he enlisted & part was dispatched over to the South side of Longisland to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the enemy by their boats & from the Tories, to the latter belonged the deponent & remained there untill they were marched to the West of Longisland, & was in the battle that took place there.

The day previous to the general engagement deponent was detailed to go with a Capt Carlisle as a scouting party to watch the movements of the enemy on the Eastern part of the lines, in which occasion they were engaged with the enemy sometime & then retreated within the lines & joined his own company as deponent was in the trenches that were thrown up on that occasion & recollects seeing Lord Stirling & Genl Sullivan on the hill nearby where deponent was stationed when they surrendered. After the battle he retreated to York Island & from thence to Harleam [Harlem] where he stayed a day or two when he was dismissed & returned home to Huntington on Longisland.

That he knew by sight Genl Washington, Genl Putnam, Lord Stirling, Genl Sullivan, Genl Heard was also pointed out to him.

That he has continued to reside in the Town of Huntington & Smithtown until the present time.

That he has no documentary evidence now in his possession showing his services. That he actually served out the terms for which he enlisted. That James Griffis & Jonas Wood can testify as to his service under Capt. Platt. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Be it remembered that on this thirtieth day of August AD Eighteen hundred & thirty three before me Joseph R. Hutting a Justice of the Peace of the County of Suffolk personally appeared Lemuel Rose who being duly sworn deposed & said that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of Memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades under Capt Grunnell for the period of eleven months including his service at Fort Constitution as a private, for the period of five months and for such service I claim a pension.

And the said Lemuel Rose further deposed & saith that the company commanded by Capt. Grinnell was marched to & belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Conckling and that during the time he performed the said services, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And the said Lemuel Rose further states in answer to the several Interrogatories prescribed by the Department answers.

To the first, he saith that he was in the town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk & State of New York December 15th 1754.

To the second, He saith he hath no documentary evidence of his age now in his possession but the same is set down in a Bible now in the possession of Widow Roff a resident of the Town of Brookhaven in said County of Suffolk.

To the third. He saith that when he entered the service he was living in the Town of Huntington in Suffolk County, that since the revolution he has resided in the Town of Huntington & Smithtown & that he now resides in the Town of Smithtown.

To the fourth—He saith that he entered the service as a volunteer in both cases of his service.

To the fifth—He saith he knew Genl Washington, Genl Putnam, Genl Sullivan, Lord Stirling, Genl Woodhull, Colonel Conckling of the Militia, Colonel Potter, also of the militia.

To the sixth - He saith he never received a written discharge from his commandant but only a verbal discharge.

To the seventh—He saith that Selah Carll, John Carll, Smith Woodhull, Jeffery A. Woodhull, John Wicks, Gilbert William Wicks, Esqr., Morris Burr are persons to whom declarant is known & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Lemuel Rose

Sworn before me this 30th day of August AD 1835. Joseph R. Huntington, Justice of the Peace.