

Pension Application for John Rouse

S.23396 John died in 1801, his wife died in 1844 according to a deposition by their son, Gerardus. There is a letter in the folder from Gerardus Rouse (son) stating that a person by the name of John Rouse was pensioned under the act of 1832 claiming services as Capt & Lieut in the Militia. The letter says, "*If so, I have reason to believe that such pension was obtained by imposition.*" This John Rouse was pensioned under the act of June 7, 1832 at \$212.88 per annum. In 1834, he would have been 92 or 95 years which would have been the age of his father had he been living.

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed at June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

On this 31st day of July 1832, before the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in & for said county personally appeared John Rouse, a resident of Lansing in the country & state aforesaid aged ninety years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on or about January first 1776 as a volunteer, at Northeast Dutchess [Dutchess] County N.Y. being the place of his residence in the New York line under Capt. Israel Thompson, in Col. Graham's Regiment. The Major's name was Landow. Served as Lieutenant, the term of this service was seven weeks, in which he was ordered to Poughkeepsie & from thence to Kingsbridge, in the state aforesaid. During this term was in the engagement at Fort Independence.

Next entered the service as a captain about April 1st 1777 (he thinks) at said Northeast, and marched to White Plains and from thence to Fort Independence at Peekskill by order of Lieutenant Col. Hopkins, and continued in service in said capacity until about 25th of August AD 1778.

During this time he was in the engagement at the capture of Gen. Burgoyne. After receiving the orders above named, he immediately marched his company through Albany to Stillwater on Hudson river.

Previous to this, sometime in the summer of 1777, he was ordered by Col. Graham to the northward, for the purpose of opposing Burgoyne who was then conducting his army from Canada down Lake Champlain.

On the receipt of said order he immediately proceeded with his company up Hudson river to Kingsbury. L Gen. Burgoyne however, hearing of the preparations made to [date of Com as Capt. 1777, 3 Sept] oppose him, at this time made a precipitate retreat.

In the latter part of this service, he officiated in the double capacity of Captain & Paymaster to his company.

He was appointed to the rank of captain on entering this service as within named but received no commission until September 3d 1777, when in a consultation

with several of officers, it was suggested that in case they should fall into the hands of the enemy it would be important to have commissions in order to show their rank; he therefore applied for, received the commission herewith forwarded.

In the fore part of the year 1778 (he thinks), he became enrolled in a company of associated in Dutchess County N.Y. & was elected captain thereof in which station he continued until the end of the war. From the time of joining this company to the end of the war. He was in actual service at least one half of the time, according to an estimate made at that time, & during the war not less than three years.

He herewith forwards sundry Revolutionary documents & vouchers as corroborative proof of the service within & above named.

He knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

And he further saith that during said war, he residence was in the midst of a settlement of Tories, which required him to be on duty nearly the whole time while at home, so that he considered his service as nearly perpetual during the said war.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John Rouse.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Cyrus Powers.
Judge of Tompkins County Courts.

Letter in folder dated December 27, 1837, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the pension record of Captain John Rouse, born in 1743 in Dutchess County, New York, served in the Revolutionary War and died in 1842, in Tompkins County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23396, based upon the military service in that war of John Rouse.

John Rouse was born December 9, 1741, (old Style) at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents not shown.

While residing at Northeast, Dutchess County, New York, John Rouse entered the service January 1, 1777, as lieutenant in Captain Israel Thompson's Company, Colonel Morris Graham's, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment and went on an expedition to Fort Independence, and served seven weeks as such officer; in April, 1777, after Captain Thompson had been promoted to Major, John Rouse was elected by his company as captain, served under Lieutenant Colonel Hopkins and was in the engagement when General Burgoyne was captured and continued as such officer until in August 1778; afterward, he enrolled in a company of "associated exempts" in Dutchess County, New York, and was elected captain of said company and continued in this service until the close of the war. He stated that in this last service, he was on duty at least half of the time, the greater part of the service being against the Tories of whom there were many in the community in which he resided. John Rouse stated that he served seven weeks as lieutenant and three years as captain.

After the Revolution, he lived in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York and in Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, of which place he had been a resident twenty years when he applied for pension July 31, 1832. The claim was allowed.

John Rouse died January 19, 1834.

He was survived by the following children.

John Rouse

Smith Rouse

Anthony Rouse

Ames Rouse

Mary Rouse, wife of William Morrison and a resident of Tompkins County, New York.

Peggy Rouse, wife of William L. Clark

Rebecca Rouse wife of Jonathan Eddy.

The dates of birth of the above named children and their places of residence (either them that of Mary Rouse Morrison) [sic] are not shown, nor is the name of their mother given.

There is a letter on file in this case from one Gerardue Rouse, of Coxsackie, New York, dated August 6, 1853, in which he stated that he was a son of John Rouse, an officer in the New York Militia in the Revolutionary War, who died in 1801, and that his (Gerardus') mother died in 1844. It is shown, also, in that set of papers pertaining to that John Rouse that he served as a captain under Colonel Anthony VanBergen in the New York troops and that the name of his wife was Lida Rouse. Said Gerardus Rouse was making inquiry in regard to any pension that might have been due on account of the service of his father in the Revolutionary War but he never submitted any evidence to establish a claim for pension on account of the alleged service of his father, or that there was any other Captain John Rouse In the New York troops than the one named above who was an applicant for United States pension for his service as lieutenant and captain.