

Pension Application for Nicholas Rouse

W.17552 (Widow: Olive)

B.L.Wt.31314-160-55

Married January 30, 1786.

Date of death June 24, 1845.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Steuben SS.

On this 16 day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Steuben now sitting Nicholas Rouse a resident of the town of Prattsburgh in said County aged sixty nine 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 entered the United States service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born on the thirteenth day of July in the year 1763 in the County of Dutchess in the state aforesaid—that he has no record of his age, but was informed of his age as above stated by his parents and has seen it so recorded in his fathers family bible—That he was residing in Albany County in said State of New York where he was drafted in the month of July or August in the year 1779 in Captain Charveves Tamcoes company of Colonel Peter Yates Regiment that said Regiment in the said month of August marched through Stillwater to Schuyler's Barracks [Barracks] where they were stationed until winter while they were there they were engaged in scouting and tory hunting—when winter came they were dismissed and returned home.

That in the next spring he in the said company and under the same officers again march[ed] to Schuyler's barracks and fort Edward that they were engaged the whole summer in scouting about lakes George & Champlain and watching the enemy that at the end of summer campaign they were dismissed at Fort Edward & returned home.

That in the next spring that is of 1781 he was clanged into Captain Cornelius Wilsey's Company of the same Regiment and they again marched to Schuyler's barracks fort Edward and fort William Henry—that they occasionally marched from one of the above places to the other—that while they were at fort Edward a Regiment of US regular troops arrived and the militia were obliged to give up the fort to them and encamped out—that during that summer the enemy crossed the lake and took forts Ann & William Henry & committed depredations. That the said Regiment to which he belonged with others under command of Governor Clinton gave chase to the enemy but were unable to overtake them. That in the fall they were dismissed from Fort Edward and returned home.

That in the spring of 1782 he in the said company of Capt Wilsey and again ordered out & marched to Schuyler's barracks fort Edwards and fort Henry. Colonel

Peter Yates did not command them that season but this petitioner believes he had resigned. Walter Groesbeck was appointed their colonel that they were employed in scouting and marching from one fort to the other. In the fall they were again dismissed & returned home.

That in the spring of 1783 the said company was again ordered out & this petitioner with them. That they were commanded by Captain Wilsey & Walter Groesbeck was colonel—that they were stationed alternately at Schuylers barracks fort Henry and fort Edward and were engaged in scouting until the news that peace had been declared arrived when they were dismissed at fort Edward and returned home—that he did not receive a certificate—and he knows of no one living who can testify to his service except his sister Rebecca Bailey—that after the war he resided in Pittstown Albany County in Ontario County about two years when that part of the county was set apart and a new county formed & styled Yates in which he resided eight years has resided in the said county of Steuben.

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. Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid. (Signed) Nicholas Rouse.

M. U. Rumsey Dep Clk Steuben County.

Letter in folder dated January 19, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.17552, it appears that NICHOLAS ROUSE was born July 30, 1763, in Dutchess County, New York. He was the brother of Jonathan Rouse whose history is here with furnished you.

While living in Albany County, New York, Nicholas Rouse enlisted in July or August, 1779, and served at various times until peace was declared, as a private with the New York troops under Captains Martivus Camoes, Matthew DeGarmo and Cornelius Wiltse, and Colonels John VanRensselaer, Peter Yates, and Water Groesbeck.

He married January 30, 1786, at Hoosick, New York, Olive Austin who was born August 6, 1770.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, at which time he was living in Steuben County, New York.

Nicholas Rouse died June 24, 1845.

His widow, Olive, was allowed pension on her application executed June 8, 1845, at which time he was living in Steuben County, New York.

Their first child, Mary, was born February 4, 1787, and when she was twenty-one years of age she married—Hubbard and she was living in Plattsburgh, Steuben County, New York, in 1846.

Nicholas Rouse had a grandson [blot] Levrey who lived in New York City.