

**Pension Application for Charles Rowe**

W.5725 (Widow: Catherine) Married July 20, 1800. Charles died February 3, 1840.

B.L.Wt.27653-160-55

Family Record

Charles Rowe born October 15, 1756.

Catharine Messenger born March 24, 1782.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS

On this eighth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before me Barak Beckwith one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Madison aforesaid Charles Rowe a resident of the town of Cazenovia the County and State aforesaid aged seventy six 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 as passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born at Forks meadow,--in the country of Westchester and state aforesaid, in the year 1755, according to his information and belief, but does not know of any record that he lived at that place with his father until he was six years old, when his father died; he then lived with his mother till eight years old then went to live with one Hunt Glance till fourteen years old, that at that time he went to live at the town of North Castle in the same County, where he lived with Abraham Storms, until he enlisted that when he was about twenty years old, and as he believes in the month of March or April in the year 1776, he volunteered for six months and went to the city of New York, in the service of the United States at the time when the militia were called out to defend that city – after he arrived in the city he was put into a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Thomas of the second New York regiment, under the command of Col. Drake; but does not recollect the names of the officers; that he was in service as a guard in the City for sometime and until the troops were ordered to Long Island—that at the battle of Brooklyn sometime the last part of summer of the year aforesaid, this declarant was stationed at Flushing as a sentinel, that after the battle he retreated with the rest of the troops to the city of New York, and remained there about three weeks, or until the city was evacuated.

That on the morning of the evacuation of the city Declarant and fifteen others under the command of a Lieutenant, whose name he cannot state were detailed as a guard to take charge of military stores at Albany Pier in the city and he with the rest of the guard continued at their post until the most of the troops had left the city and the fighting had been commenced about three hours at Harelem [Harlem]—at that time Genl Israel Putnam came to the post, and told the guard to escape, if they could; which they did by crossing in a skiff over unto New Jersey—that he went then with the rest of the guard up to fort Washington and there crossed back and went to Valentine's Hill and joined his company from then he (the Declarant) went with the other troops to White Plains, and was there when the battle of White Plains took place,

which was near the last of October of the same year—but he was not engaged in that battle, as his company, being at some distance, did not arrive on the ground of action until the American troops began to retreat.

After the battle Declarant remained with the troops until they were about crossing into New Jersey when his time having expired he was discharged but without any written discharge.

Declarant further states that he has never made any application for a pension and is not on the pension roll or agency of any State, and that he is now poor and much in want of assistance from his country.

He further states that some of the Revolutionary War he had resided entirely in the State and most of the time in the town of Cazenovia where he now resides.

Declarant recollects having seen Gen. Washington, Gen. Putnam, and some other of the regular officers whose names he does not now recollect.

Never had any regular written discharge but was merely dismissed when his term of service expired.

Jonathan Farnham, Aaron Dean, John Williams, & Jacob TenEyck are persons living declarant and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed with his mark) Charles Rowe

Sworn & subscribed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 before me Barack Beckwith a Judge of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Madison.