

Pension Application for John Rowland

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State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this tenth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County being a Court of Record now sitting at Whitestown in the said County John Rowland and being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

To wit—that he resides in Boonville in in the said County & has resided there for about twenty eight years.

That according to the best of his knowledge he is aged seventy years on the fourth day of August and was born in Lyons in Connecticut. He had formerly a record of his age but does not know where it is at present. He supposes his birth is on the records of the Town Clerk's office in Lyons.

That he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war and served as follows. That in the fifteenth year of his age in the year 1777 deponent then residing at Spencertown in the State of New York, this deponents father having been drafted into the service of the United States in the New York Militia was taken sick at Stillwater in the said State and sent for deponent to come to him, which deponent did, and by the application & consent of Colonel John McKinster or McKinstry of the Militia deponent believes who had command of the Regiment deponent's father was released and deponent served in his stead.

At this time deponent remained in the said service three months. Deponent then entered the service a few weeks but he cannot say how many probably three or four, or perhaps more before the surrender of Burgoyne.

In consequence of deponents youth he was employed until Burgoyne's surrender in Baking bread. Deponent [??] understood & that he was employed in baking until after the battles and Burgoyne retreated from Bemus' Heights to Saratoga.

The Army left the encampment where deponent was, in the night, for the purpose of [?] Burgoyne deponent remained until the wagons took the [?] in the following morning & then followed the army to Saratoga and from that time served in the rans.

After the Battle of Bemus' Heights, Gen. Arnold was carried on [??] the by where deponent was employed on his way to the hospital & deponent recollects on that American presented him with a couple of apples which he very hastily ate.

When deponent went into the ranks one Kellogg commanded the company – deponent does not recollect the names of the other officers. On the evening prior to the surrender of the British deponent was placed as a Sentinel in the line of Sentinels at about [?] and was not relieved during the night. On the day of the surrender Col. McKinster [???] to make the last of their way to Gen VanRensselaer's at Greenbush when deponent arrived the next morning the regiment assembled then in the course of

that day—after remaining at Greenbush & Albany in five days the Regiment of Col. McKinster went to West Point.

Before they left deponent was taken sick of the Bloody Flux and by the [?] of the Col. Was examined by a Dr. Sackett at the time the regiment left and being unable to travel was sent home with directions to meet the Regiment at West Point as soon as he should be able but he did not become able to do so until they were discharged. It was about 2 & ½ months after deponent joined the army before the regiment was dismissed deponent thinks. Deponent was sent home as aforesaid about two or three weeks according to his recollection, before the discharge of the regiment.

The next year deponent thinks in the fall deponent volunteered his service for three months in the militia from Spencertown aforesaid and served in Col. Graham's regiment. He cannot recall the names of the other officers. He thinks Salisbury was his captain's name—He believes Gideon Salisbury. The regiment collected at Fishkill. We passed nine partners when the Col. Lived on our way there. Deponent remained in service at Fishkill four months, being after the expiration of the first term volunteered for another month. There were a few regular troops at Fishkill at that time but deponent does not recollect their officers. Part of this term we encamped in Fishkill Creek. He thinks afterwards were removed back into a large [?] when we made turf chimneys? For our tents. Deponent did not intend that he volunteer at this time in the fall. The service continued in the fall and the 4 months under he believes but the last of October. It might be later in the season came before our discharge & did not go off again before winter. Deponent was discharged at Fishkill.

Deponent was two months in the service in the N. York Militia at Cherry Valley, hired by a class of the militia. In the latter part of services but cannot say what year. Joshua Whitney [??] Captain Colonel Alden's regiment of regular was then at the time the Lieut Col's name was Tracy? Col. Alden was killed by the Indians & the Lieut Col. Was taken as deponent heard on his way home, about four days after deponent was dismissed—deponent was principally employed at this time in making pickets & fortifications.

Deponent was again in the service three months in the N. Y. Militia hired by a class. Can't tell the year but believes this his last service—went from Spencertown mustered at [Elmira Soles?] in that town & marched to Livingston's Manor—Rech'd Livingstons was a Colonel (Stoffle) Christopher Miller, Captain. Jeremiah Miller was Lieutenant. We went from there in Sloops to Fishkill remained four days only & then went to West Point, and after being drilled then about a week went in bateaux to Kings Ferry, & there 4 days proceeded to Dobb's Ferry; after being there about a week we went again to Kingsferry, thence in Batteaux to West Point, then drew rations & proceeded to Fishkill, and thence [?] to Albany—[?] 5 days on the passage on the one day's rations, at Albany the regiment was departed, Capt Miller's Company & deponent with it went to Schoharie, the Captain Middleford and then removed until the term of three months expired—but there at the entirety of the inhabitants volunteered to remain until a relief should arrive. The 2d or 3d day or about that,

afterwards an attack was made on the place by the British, Indians & Tories, at about day break the fight lasted all day.

On this day they burned the place—but the fort was defended. We passed the next morning to Fort Hunter, and came up soon after the [?] with Col Brown—we continued there Fort Herkimer. This deponent volunteered and went latter. [?] of the Unadilla and from thence went back to Fort Herkimer. Thence to Stone Arabia where we buried Col Brown in the military honors. And were then dismissed with a certificate to draw provision at Albany & Schenectady—Deponent was out on this expedition he thinks about a fortnight after the expiration of the three months. Deponent never received any discharge. Deponent has no documentary evidence of his service.

Deponent does not know that there is any person by whom he can from his particular services. Though probably [?] are living but he does not know where they are except William Lee whose deposition is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes all 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.

Deponent further says that he resided in Spencertown aforesaid until he was about thirty years of age. He then removed to Warren in the County of Herkimer, State of N. York where he resided seven or eight years, and then removed to the town of Boonville aforesaid where he has lived ever since. (Signed) John Poolard

Subscribed & sworn in open court Sept 10, 1832. Joseph B. Read, Dep Clerk