

### **Pension Application for Seth Rowley**

W.24777 (Widow: Innocent)

B.L.Wt.5110-160-55

File is 108 pages in length.

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

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840 personally appeared before His Honour Hiram Kinne a Judge of the County Courts within and for the County of Otsego being Courts of record—Seth Rowley a resident of the Town of Unadilla in the County of Otsego State of New York aged eighty years the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February last part—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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted as a private soldier in the month of May 1796 in Capt Couch's Company in Colo Homan Sevept's Regiment Connecticut Line for the Term (he thinks) of six months—that he march't with said Company and Joined the Northern Army at Tycondaroga [Ticonderoga] that he served out the said term and was discharged at Mount Independence opposite Tycondaroga in the month of October following—then he volunteered and served in Capt Alexander Baldwin's Company until the 16<sup>th</sup> of March following—

That he then again enlisted at Tycondaroga on the 16 or 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1777 in Capt. Tiebout's company in Colo. Peter Gansevoort's Regiment for three years and served in said Regiment untill April 1779 as a private soldier—And then by agreement at Fort George he exchanged place with John Welch a 9 months man who took his place and he Rowely went into Colo Seth Warner's Regt., that he was soon made a Sergeant and served in said Regiment as Sergeant untill October 1779—then on the same month of October at Fort George he Enlisted as Orderly Sergeant for During the War in the company commanded by Capt Simeon Smith in Colo Seth Warner's Regiment and served in said Regiment in said Capacity of Sergeant until the month of May 1780 when he exchanged [exchanged] place with Sergeant Isaac Pennell who took his place at fort Edward in the said Regiment for the residue of the War who was received and served in pursuance of said agreement and by consent of the Officers and that he said Rowley went into Colo John Harper's Regiment and serv'd as Orderly Sergeant in the place of Sergeant Pennell until December 1780 when that term expired-

That in May 1781 he the said Rowley Enlisted as Sergeant at Columby then Abbany [Albany] County for nine months into Capt Abraham Fonda's Company in Colo Willett's Regiment and served out said Term as Orderly Sergeant.—And then Immediately Enlisted again as orderly sergeant for the Term of three years and served in the company commanded by Capt Joseph Harrison in Colo Willett's Regiment in said Capacity of Orderly Sergeant and Sergeant Major untill the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1784

when he was discharged at Schenectadae [Schenectady] State of New York, after having served the United States about four years as a Sergeant and about three years three or four as a private.

That he was in the battle of Fort Stanwix in Capt Tiebouts Compy Colo Peter Gansworth Regiment when Genl Herkimer was mortally wounded and died soon after. That he was with Colo Willett's Regiment in that Tedious march in the Winter of 1783 to storm Oswego and were defeated and suffered much many died by the cold and starvation, only about 30 or 40 men of the whole Regiment returned fit for duty.

That his Discharge, he Sergeant's Warrants &c are all worn out and lost that he knows of no further evidence of his said services but that heretofore transmitted to the pension Office at Washington with his present certificate of pension at eight dollars per month which he now hereby relinquishes on condition of receiving a certificate of ten dollars the pay of a Sergeant and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state only on that of New York which has been paid him up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1840—and I refer his honour the Judge to Colo George H. Noble—Hon. S. Page- A.B. Watson Esquire all of Unadilla to whom I am well known who can testify as to my character for veracity and belief of my services &c. (Signed) Seth Rowley

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before m. Hiram Kinne Judge of Otsego County Courts.

Letter in folder dated July 16, 1913, written in response to an inquiry.

In addition to the military history of Seth Rowley, Wid. File No. 24,777, you are furnished the following family data on file in the claim.

Seth Rowley born February 19, 1760, married Inocent Salsburry December 14, 1786.

Inocent Rowley born January 10, 1770.

Children:

Joel Rowley, born July 30, 1787.

Elizabeth Rowley died August 2, 1788.

Abigale Rowley born May 28, 1790.

Susanah Rowley born December 1, 1791.

Sarah Rowley born August 28, 1793, died July 10, 1794.

Patience Rowley born June 24, 1795.

Mary Rowley born July 9, 1797.

Seth G. S. Rowley born May 31, 1799.

Jabez E. Rowley born June 26, 1801.

Girl and Boy born April 9, 1803, the girl died the 18<sup>th</sup> and the boy died the 20<sup>th</sup> 1803.

Anna Rowley born April 25, 1804.

Salley Rowley born May 31, 1806.

Abel Rowley born May 20, 1808.

Inocent Rowley born September 4, 1810.

Jabez E. Rowley died January 4, 1826, in Friendship, Alegany [Allegany] County.

Patience Lathrop died April 16, 1842.

Seth Rowley died January 26, 1851, at Unadilla, Otsego County, New York.

Note: the above letter regarding the military history of Seth Rowley is not in his folder.  
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