

## **Pension Application for David Rundal**

S.14303

Dutchess Com'n Pleas

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the town of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess on the twenty seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Present: Edmund H. Pendleton, Robert S. Livingston, Steven Thorn, Joseph J. Jackson, Judges.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this day appeared in open court before the Court now sitting (the same being a court of record for said County) David Rundal a resident of the town of Amenia in said County aged 75 years on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January last, 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, 1832.

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

That in the summer of 1775 at Armenia entered as a volunteer for six months in a company of militia commanded by Captain Rufus Herrick, first lieutenant Charles Graham, second lieutenant Jesse Thompson, ensign none. Joined the company at Amenia went thence to Albany, thence went to Ticonderoga by Lake George and then joined the regiment commanded by James Holmes of Bedford, in Westchester County, Lieutenant Colonel VanCortland, Major [blank] Wynkoop of New York, adjutant, Job Mulford of Long Island, deponent with his captain and about one third of his company remained at the fort, and the rest of the company with the other officers, went with the army to the northward. St. Johns was taken with a number of prisoners who were ordered to be sent to Philadelphia with a guard of a hundred men, Captain White of Connecticut had command of the guard from Ticonderoga, deponent exchanged places in [?] the guards of prisoners with the consent of the officers, and came with the prisoners as far as Kingston or Esopus, and being then unwell, and his time of the six months being expired within about ten days, he was then discharged by Captain White who gave him a written discharge, which has since been lost, but where, when or in what manner he can not now recollect.

The remember on this campaign of having seen General Schuyler who was in command of Fort Ticonderoga, heard of Gen. Montgomery was in command of the army at St. Johns though deponent never saw him, also knew Captain Billings of Poughkeepsie.

That on the last of June 1776 at Amenia he enlisted as a volunteer for six months in a company of militia commanded by Captain Elisha Barlow, Lieutenants were Ezra St. John and Ebenezer Carter, remembers that he was an enlisted soldier when he heard of the Declaration of Independence, joined the company at Amenia went to Poughkeepsie thence down the river by water landed at [Spuyten devil?], marched to Westchester and was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel

Morris Graham, Lieutenant Colonel Roswell Hopkins, Major William barker, adjutant Stephen Hopkins, while at WestChester most of the company were sick of the [Hissentory?] among the rest Captain Barlow was sick and went home & the company was commanded by Lieutenant St. John was in Westchester and the neighbourhood when the enemy landed on Long Island and crossed to New York, thence went with the army to White Plains, then in Gen. George Clintons Brigade, stationed at the orders to the eastward of White Plains, the day before the battle was with the regiment or a part thereof on a picket guard to the south east of White Plains, were driven in by the enemy, and were near to, but not actually engaged in the battle, staid there about a week after the battle and went thence with Clinton's Brigade to Peekskill, went with Major William Barker, as his waiter, to some redoubts not far from Peekskill where the Major took command of his companies of militia from the west side of the river, commanded by Captain Onderdonk and Derunder, staid there until. The last day of December when the six months for which he had engaged being expired.

He was dismissed, did not receive a written discharge.

He has no documentary proof of his service, and has no direct proof other than the testimony of Abiah Palmer hereto annexed.

That he was born in Greenwich in Connecticut the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1757, has a record of his age in his possession which he now produced.

Since the war he has lived six year in Red Hook in Dutchess Ccounty and the residue of the time in Amenia when where he now resides.

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.

And he states the names of John Brush & Albert Palmer to testify to his character & his reputation as a revolutionary war soldier. (Signed) David Rundal.

Sworn to and Subscribed September 27<sup>th</sup> 1832. Henry B. Traver Clerk.

Letter in folder dated January 19, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of David Rundal (Rundl-Runnel etc.), who was born January 4, 1757 in Horseneck, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and died January 21, 1846 Armenia, New York.

The record of David Rundal is furnished herein as shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.14303, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. This may be the soldier in whom you are interested.

David Rundal was born January 24, 1757 in Greenwich, Connecticut; the names of his parents are not shown.

David Rundal enlisted in the summer of 1775, in Armenia, Dutchess County, New York, served as a private in Captain Rufus Herrkic's company, Colonel James Holmes' New York England, was on guard at Fort Ticonderoga and brought prisoners from said five months and twenty days. He enlisted the last day of June 1776, in Armenia, New York, served as a private in Captain Elisha Barlow's company, which

company was commanded later by Lieutenant Ezra St. John, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment, was stationed near White Plains during the battle there, afterwards went as waiter to Major William Barber to some redoubts near Fishkill, New York, and continued to serve until the last day of December 1776, when he was discharged.

After the war, the soldier resided six years in Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, then in Armenia in said Dutchess County.

David Rundal was allowed pension on his application executed September 27, 1832, at which time he resided in Armenia, New York.

No reference was made to wife or children of David Rundal, this pensioner. It is not stated that he received bounty land for his services.