

Pension Application for Reuben Rundle

S.9298

State of New York

County of Greene

On this 8th day of June AD 1837, personally appeared before me Perkins King first Judge of the County Courts in said County Reuben Rundle a resident of the town of Greenville in said county, he being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration In order to have his pension restored which was granted under the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, but which has been stopped.

In the year 1776 he lived at Middle Patten Westchester County in the State of New York where he was an apprentice in the tanning company, and shoemaking business. Early in the spring of that year whilst an opportunity aforesaid, the latter part of the Month of March as well as he can remember, he engaged in the service of the United States by volunteering under Captain Benone Platt and joined the regiment of Colonel Thomas Thomas of the New York Militia and marched to the mouth of Croton River where there were other United States troops. At this time there lay in said River two British ships and two tenders. The troops with which he served whilst their fitter out a fireship and [?] one of the said tenders.

After remaining at that place some latter time he marched with the troops to Kings Bridge; and was there employed in building a fort until the fall of the year when he and others were detached to go to Fort Washington a few miles distant from Kings Bridge. There he kept garrison and the same Captain until the marching of the troops to White Plains, it which place he marched with them, and lay with his regiment in sight of the action then fought which was not called into action. After the British troops retreated from White Plains he marched with his regiment to Peekskill where they lay until the winter following till the month of December according to the best of his recollection when the campaign ended and the troops were discharged and deponent with them. After this campaign ended and the troops were discharged and deponent with them. After this campaign ended he went back to finish in his apprenticeship which ended the 10th day of March 1778; during which time he was not called into the service except occasionally for a short periods when there were alarms.

In the summer of the year 1778 having returned to Greenwich in the State of Connecticut the place of his nativity (what time in the summer he does not recollect) He enlisted in a company of Connecticut rangers under Captain Odle Close and was employed ion scouting when called as without encamping until the end of that year and during the whole of the next. During the last mentioned year he served the greater part of the time as a light dragoon, the company in which he enlisted having been turned into that designation of troops, In the fall of this year (1779) in a skirmish with a small party of tories his horse was shot under him. During the fall of this year also he with a part of the company with which he served joined a detachment of

Continental troops, marched to [Marcance?] Westchester County aforesaid made an attack on the corps of Colonel DeLancy which fled immediately.

Early in the spring of the year 1780 at the opening of the campaign of that year (the precise time not recollected) he entered the service in the state troops of Connecticut as a substitute for Josiah Mead under Captain Nathan Constead in Colonel [Braziller Bebe's] regiment at HorseNeck in Connecticut where he encamped and was [?]. During which time the Colonel under whom he served took him to serve as a Lieutenant. From this place he with his regiment marched to a place called North Street a distance of about two miles from HorseNeck aforesaid and encamped. Soon after he encamped at North Street his Colonel took him from the ranks and employed him as a guide to his regiment he (deponent) (being well acquainted with that part of the Country) when attacks were to be made on the enemy in small parties only by the regiment. In this capacity he served until late in the fall of the year 1780 when he was discharged.

He was born in the town of Greenwich in the State of Connecticut in the year 1757.

He has a record of his age in his family Bible which belonged to his deceased father, Reuben Rundle which is as he is not informed in the family of Gilbert Finch in Greenwich aforesaid. He lived at the place before stated when called into service.

He lived after the close of the revolutionary war at Greenwich aforesaid until the year 1786 when he removed to the town of Greenville before mentioned where he has ever since lived.

He was called into service each time by volunteers except the term before mentioned he was a substitute for Jonah Mead.

He served with no regular troops except was in detachments and does not remember the names of their officers of the militia regiment with which he served he remembers that under Colonel John Mead, Colonel Halls, Colonel Confide & those before mentioned under whom he received the general circumstances of his service he has before stated.

He never received a discharge from the service

In consequence of the great length of time some [of] the aforesaid services were performed he cannot remember so as to state them as to the time when he entered and when he left and the length of time he served more accurately than he has but he knows that he served much more than he has stated if he could remember as was to state the different services specifically. This deponent further states on his oath aforesaid that in consequence of the infirmity of old age now in chronic rheumatism and the asthma with which he is afflicted he cannot attend a court of record to make his declaration.

He further declares on his oath aforesaid that he is now eighty one years of age.
(Signed) Reuben Rundle.

Sworn to and subscribed this 8th day of June 1838 before me. Perkins King,
Judge as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated October 31, 1938, written in response to an inquiry. The data which follow in regard to Reuben Rundle (as soldier signed) were obtained from the papers in pension claim, S.9298, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. The family surname is shown in the claim as Rundel, also.

Reuben Rundle, son of Reuben, was born March 19, 1757, in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The name of his mother was not stated.

While a resident of Middle Patent, Westchester County, New York, as an apprentice in the tanning, currying and shoemaking business, Reuben Rundle volunteered in March or April, 1775, served eight months as fifer and private in Captain Benoni Platt's company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' New York regiment, and upon the expiration of his tour, he went back to complete his apprenticeship which ended March 10, 1778, then returned to Greenwich, Connecticut, and while residing there near Horseneck, he volunteered in the spring of 1778, served a tour of eight months as private in Captain Odle Close's company, Colonel John Mead's Connecticut regiment, and while serving this tour of one year, he was in a skirmish in which his horse was shot under him. The soldier's father, Reuben Rundle, Senior, served as Lieutenant in the same regiment. Reuben, Junior, volunteered April 1, 1780, as a guide to the regiment, and part of the time acted as sergeant or lieutenant in Captain Nathan Olmstead's company, Colonel Bezeleel Beebe's Connecticut regiment, encamped in the orchard of his father, Reuben Rundle; length of this tour seven or eight months. The date of death of Reuben Rundle, Sr., is not shown.

Reuben Rundle, Jr., served in the spring of 1786 from Greenwich, Connecticut, to a place near the Catskills, in New York State. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and at one time was senior warden of that church.

Reuben Rundle was allowed pension on his application executed January 18, 1833, while a resident of Greenville, Green County, New York.

Reuben Rundle, Junior, married at the age of twenty-three years in Stamford, Connecticut; the name of his wife or any details in regard to her [?] not given. The only child of the soldier whose name was designated was Reuben who was born May 1, 1785, and who always lived with his father.

Soldier's brother, Samuel Rundel (as he signed), was born April 20, 1766, in Greenwich, Connecticut; in 1832 was a resident of Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York, and still living there in 1839. In 1837, Reuben Rundle's sister, Deborah Peak, was aged seventy-eight years and residing in Greenwich, Connecticut. In 1839, she was living with her sister's son, Gilbert Peak, in the same town. The given name of Deborah's husband was not designated.

Reference was made in the claim to soldier's cousin, Phineas Rundel, who was born in Greenwich, Connecticut; in 1837, was aged seventy-eight years and still living in said Greenwich. Another cousin was the wife of Nathan Lockwood of Cairo, Green County, New York, her name not stated.