

Pension Application for George Rapp

W.22039 (Widow: Christina) Married July 15, 1792, George died May 30, 1836.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 20th day of August 1832 George Rapp of the town of Canajoharie in the County ;aforesaid aged about seventy two years the coming fall personally appeared before me Henry J. Diefendorff one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Montgomery & 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 7th [blot].

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—to wit:

The year after the Oriskany battle declarant began to do military duty in the Militia in Stone Arabia now the town of Palatine then in the County of Tryon now Montgomery aforesaid. Then for a short time in the company of Captain Zeilley and shortly afterwards & within the same or next year under Captain Lipe in the adjoining town of Canajoharie where he has ever since resided.

Jacob [Ecker?] was an officer in Zeiley's Company Jacob Mattice was Lieutenant and William Seeber was Ensign in the aforesaid Company of Captain Lipe—declarant further states that whilst under the command of the aforesaid Capt Zieley in Stone Arabia he was called out and stationed in the Fort at Stone Arabia for about two months according to his best recollection. That he was then stationed at a house surrounded with Pickets commonly called Keysor's Fort in the same town for about a month during which time he was sent on a scouting party with expectation of meeting a party of Indians who had made an attack upon the inhabitants of the Sand Flats.

That declarant next went in company with said Captain Zeilley & two others of his company to the German Flats where he kept guard eight days. This was late in the fall. He went in the course of this year also twice to Fort Stanwix once for the purpose of guarding cattle & once for the purpose of guarding boats for the revolutionary service on which occasion he recollects examining the ground on which the Oriskany battle had been fought in company with one Saltsman who pointed out the place where he stood & fought & where a twin brother got shot. Deponent does not know how long he was out at this time but recollects that each time they drew ten days provision.

That the year after the aforesaid services were done under Capt. Zielly declarant removed across the Mohawk River into the town of Canajoharie & joined the company of Capt. Lipe as aforesaid. That during the three or four subsequent years of the war declarant was often called out into actual service among which he recollects going to Bowman's Creek with expectation of Meeting 700 Indians but it turned out that there were but about a dozen. Declarant was also stationed at Fort Plank eight days where he recollects seeing Colonel Clyde & Major House.

He was also at Fort Clyde about the same length of time. He was also called out & engaged in the Johnstown Battle cannot remember how long he was out at this time. Recollects Colonel Willett with his troops were there.

Declarant towards the close of the war enlisted as a nine months man in the company of Captain French, Putman Lieutenant & Shaver Ensign. And was under the command of Colonel Willett.

Declarant was stationed the principal part of the time at Fort Plain in said County and faithfully served out the whole time of enlistment which ended on New Years day.

Declarant was not during this time in any battle but was often out in pursuit of the Indians and recollects that on his return from Schylers Lake five Indians were discovered with each a stolen horse.

The Indians [?] but the horses were taken.

Recollects that during his nine months service he was sent with sixty men thirty regulars & thirty nine months men to Oneida near to which they discovered a trail recently made by the passage of a large number of Indians a hundred or more. That thereafter it was concluded immediately to return to prevent any mischief which said Indians might do to the inhabitants. Capt. French, Lieutenant Putman & Ensign Shaver & Major Fink was with them on this occasion. Declarant does not distinctly recollect the precise times except as above when the aforesaid services began or ended nor does he recollect distinctly other services but feels very confident that services whilst in the militia to double the amount of those stated were done by said declarant, and declarant verily believes that it would be within bounds to estimate the services actually done by him in the revolutionary war including the nine months at one year & nine months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) George Rapp

Sworn and subscribed before me at Canajohary this 20th day of August 1832.
Henry J. Dievendorff, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County.