

Pension Application for Rufus Briggs

S.10405

Declaration

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On the 26th day of July 1832 personally appeared before James C. Warworth esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego it being a court of record proceeding upon the principles of common law and having a clerk and seal. Rufus Briggs a resident of the town of Pitsford in the said county of Otsego aged 70 years (in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832) first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration that he enlisted in to the army of the united States in the now State of Vermont town of Ponerol under Captain William Hutchins joined Major's Benjamin Whitcom's Battalion this was on the 3 day of May 1778 that he so enlisted and there built a small fort in the town of Rutland in the said St of Vermont he enlisted for seven months and served all that time there under the same officers and was then verbally discharged by the said Major Whitcomb -- again in September 1779 he volunteered in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York under Captain McCalleps and Lieutenant Admiral Burn and marched to Lake George in St. [state] N.Y. and served half a month and was discharged by Col. VanVost at Fort Edward again in the year 1780, August [?] enlisted in Shaftsbury in the said St. of Vermont enlisted under Bigelow Lawrence Captain and marched to the town of Castletown in the said St. of Vermont at a small fort there and there served as a scout and served for six weeks and was there discharged by the said Captain Lawrence again in the year 1782 enlisted 27 day of March under Captain William Huchins in Bennington St. of Vermont for 7 months marched immediately to the town of Pittsford in the said state joined Major Ebenezer Allen Battaltion worked on a small fort there and marched form there to Castleton in Vermont and was discharged by Gen. Than Allen verbally again in the year 1782 on the 3 day of November in the town of Ponerol St. of Vermont enlisted under Captain ----- Reed and Lieutenant Stearns of the regular standing army during the war was called out and mustered at at [sic] Springfield in Massachusetts and than returned home from a furlow and was discharged at the time of the News of Peace was proclaimed in June following and that never received any written discharge whatever and that he was born in the town of West Greenwich Rhode Island has no record of his age whatever.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state and that that [sic] from my advanced age, blindness and bodily infirmities am not able to attend a court of record it being 20 miles from my residence to the Court House of the said county. (Signed) Rufus Briggs.

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid before me, James C. Warworth a Judge of Otsego Coun. Pleas.