

Pension Application for Reuben King

S.10946

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany in the County and State aforesaid now sitting, Reuben King a resident of the town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 68 years in March next 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.

He entered the said service at the town of Claverack in the now County of Columbia in the State of New York a volunteer and joined Capt. Walter Vroman's Company in Colo John Harper's regiment of levies or Militia, in the month of May 1780 for the term of Six Months as a private soldier and was immediately marched to Johnstown in the State of New York where he staid and did garrison duty until about the first of September following and was then marched to Fort Stanwix in the County of Oneida and there did garrison duty until his term of six months expired. When he was discharged. He was discharged at Schenectady at the last of November 1780 and rec'd a written discharge from Lieut John Beckman (Capt. Vroman having been previously taken a prisoner) which has long since been lost or destroyed.

He was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in an embodied corps, and served as a private soldier six months; and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born in the town of Rochester in the County of Plymouth in the State of Massachusetts on the 22d day of March A.D. 1765 and has a record of his age on a paper now in his house.

He resided at the time he entered the said service at the town of Claverack in the now County of Columbia in the State of New York and continued to reside there until he removed to his present place of residence in the said town of Rensselaerville where he has lived for the last 45 years.

Genl Wayne & Major Hughes, Lieut Phelps and others whose names he does not recollect were with the troops where he served also Adjutant Beekman. There were no Continental or militia regiments that he can recollect he served with. He remembers however that there was an Artillery company at Fort Stanwix at the time he served at that place.

He is known to Rev'd Marcus Smith, Rev'd Ephraim Cracker, Peter Fisher, Asa Woodford, Jacob Smith, Franklin Fisher, James E. Jarvis, and others who reside in the present neighbourhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service, although he has made use of due diligence and every enquiry at places most likely to obtain proof to find witnesses to prove his service.

(Signed) Reuben King

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John G. Wasson, Clk

Letter in folder dated November 26, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10946, it appears that Reuben King was born March 22, 1765, in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

While residing in Claverick, New York, he enlisted in May 1780, served as a private in Captain Walter Vroman's Company in Colonel John Harper's New York Regiment, and was discharged the latter part of November 1780. All of his service was as a guard at Johnstown and Fort Stanwix.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 19, 1832, at which time he was residing in Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, where he had lived for forty-five years.

He died September 4, 1848.

There are no data as to his family.