

Pension Application for Reuben Nelson

S.14009

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Reuben Nelson of the town of Legrange in the County of Dutchess in the County of Dutchess and State aforesaid who was 76 years of age on the 22nd February last past who was 76 years of age on the 22d February last past being 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 concerning Revolutionary solders.

That this deponent was born in the year 1756 on the 22nd February of that year at Charlotte Precinct since Hydepark that he has lived at Fishkill at Fishkill Hydepark & Legrange ever since and now resides at Legranger as aforesaid.

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the Regular Troops under Capt Abraham Swartout in the year 1776 then living at Charlotte Precinct as aforesaid that he enlisted for and served for a whole year in the regular Troops under the Command of Genl James Clinton (brother of Genl George Clinton) and served at Fort Montgomery building said Fort and at VanPlanks Point that he was a Sergeant in all his services through the war. There were but Three Companies on this expedition one under the command of Capt. Rosecranse, and the other Capt. Belknap and the other by Capt Swartout to which deponent belonged.

That deponent under Capt Herrick served at West Point & was engaged there for one month Genl Arnold commanded the Garrison deponent was a Sergeant upon this expedition the year he cannot recollect.

The next service deponent performed was performed in the highlands near Peekskill in Westchester County Where they remained waiting for the British for about one month the officers were Col. Frear, Capt. Reuben Spencer and Lieut. Jacob Schryver.

That deponent performed three months service as a Sergeant as aforesaid at Fishkill & VerPlanks Point under Col. Graham & Capt Hugh VanKleeck.

That deponent performed a variety of services as Sergeant as aforesaid during the war of the Revolution while drilling & preparing for service, that he was often engaged in Scouting expeditions during the whole war.

That deponent has a record of his age in his family bible that 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.

Deponent further says that he had a discharge from Genl George Clinton but that a few years ago he burnt it with refuse papers.

Deponent says that Isaac VerValin, Moses DeGraft & Cornelius Cornel can testify to his character for truth and veracity and that these gentleman are his near neighbors. (Signed) Reuben Nelson

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry E. Fraier, Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 5, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14009, that Reuben Nelson was born February 22, 1756, at Charlotte Precinct, which was later Hyde Park, New York.

While residing there, he enlisted and served as sergeant with the New York troops, as follows:

From in 1776, one year in Captain Abraham Swartwout's Company, Colonel James Clinton's Regiment; one month in Captain Elijah Herrick's Company; one month in Captain Reuben Spencer's Company, Colonel John Frear's Regiment, no dates of service given for these last three tours.

He was also out on many scouting expeditions under Captains Isaac Conklin and Jonah Burton.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, at which time he was living in LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York.