

Pension Application for Jacob Rema

W.16387 (Widow: Dorothy) Married Apl 12, 1785. Jacob died Dec 21, 1819.

State of New York

Oswego County SS.

Peter Bircki of the town of Sandy Creed in said County being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, and is eighty six years of age, that at the commencement of the war of the Revolution, or Schuyler on the Mohawk River in said state, that at that time he was well acquainted with Jacob Rema who was a few years than this deponent, they both were living with their Parents who resided near each other.

That in the spring of 1776 the said Jacob and this deponent enlisted in Capt. Jacob Seever's company of Rangers.

That they were first marched to Fort Stanwix and assisted for a time in building the fort—that afterwards Col. Dayton arrived with a Regiment called Jersey Blues, Capt. Seever then marched his company down to Herkimer, accompanied by Col. Dayton's Regt; but this deponent is not quite certain that the enlistment and service mentioned were in the year 1776, but they were the same year that Col. Dayton & the Jersey Blues arrived.

That the said Jacob Rema served his said term of six months in said company & a few days more according to the best recollection of this deponent and as he believes, as he well recollects the Officers endeavored to prevail on them to stay in the service for a longer term.

This deponent further states that he understood at the time that the said Jacob Rema with his Father's family removed from Germantown on account of the Indians after the said service to a place then known as Albany bush, and that said Jacob Rema was taken prisoner by the Indians and Tories and carried to Canada, which fact he has ever understood to be true, although he never saw the said Jacob or any of his fathers family during said was after they removed as aforesaid to Albany Bush.

That after Capt. Seever's Company went to Fort Stanwix, Col. Dayton's Regt., arrived, and soon after Col. Gansevoots [Gansevoort's] Regt. Arrived & it was then that Dayton & Seevers troops were marched down to Herkimer. And further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) Peter Bircki

Subscribed and sworn this 8th day of February 1840, before me—and I also certify that notwithstanding the great age of the said Peter Bircki he is able to walk about and labor some and appears to be sound in mind and memory and is a credible person upon whose statements full reliance may be placed. Hiram Hubbell, Justice of the Peace.