

Pension Application for Philip Ringstorph

W.24767 (Widow: Anna) They were married in the fall of 1781. They had nine children.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 28th day of July 1832 personally appeared before the justices of the justices court of the City of Hudson County aforesaid, in open court, now sitting Philip Ringsdorph of Taghkanic in said County, aged eighty three years, who 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in Germany in Europe, & was only four weeks old as he was informed, when he embarked for this country & that he has always resided in Taghkanic aforesaid.

That in the year 1776 he was called out in the militia company of Capt. Rockefeller of "East Camp" now Germantown. Samuel TenBroeck was Major but he has forgotten the Colonel's names first marched first to Albany, thence to Schenectady, thence to Balltown, thence to Saratoga. Here he staid two months & was discharged in the coming in of the regular troops. In about a year after, he was ordered out again in a company of Capt. Patrie, Regiment commanded by major TenBroeck; this deponent drove a team with baggage for the regiment.

Marched first to Fort Edward & while there he was ordered with his team to bring the American Stores from Lake George to Fort Edward & destroy what they could not save from the enemy. Several men were killed by Burgoyne's advance before they retreated. They retreated first to Fort Miller & there he was discharged after an absence of three months, soon after he was ordered out again under Capt. Rockefeller to go to Stillwater but before the taking of Burgoyne & after the surrender he was discharged. He was out a month at this time before said discharge.

This deponent further says on reflection & on enquiry by the Court.

That in the year 1775 nor 76 he was ordered out in the company of said Capt. Rockefeller, on an alarm raised by the approach of Johnson with the Indians, that he marched nearly to Johnstown, when they heard that the Indians were gone & he returned after an absence of two weeks—

And this applicant further declares that he has no Documentary evidence, that he has no living witness of his said service other than that of Major TenBroeck & Capt Ten Broeck whose company belonged to the same Regiment; that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension except he present; that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Philip Ringstorph

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur. Clerk.

Letter in folder dated August 26, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.24767, that Philip Ringstorph was born in Germany and embarked to

this country when only four weeks old. He lived in Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York.

While a resident of Taghkanic, New York, he served as a private in the New York troops as follows: in 1775 or 1776, two weeks in Captain Rockefeller's Company against the Indians; in 1776 in Captain Rockefeller's Company under Major Samuel TenBroeck at Saratoga; about a year later, three months in Captain Petrie's Company and drove a team with supplies from Fort Edward to Lake George; soon after, one month in Captain Rockefeller's Company under Major Ten Broeck at Stillwater and was discharged after the surrender of Burgoyne; no specific dates of these services given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 28, 1832, while a resident of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York. He was then eighty-three years of age.

The soldier died October 27, 1833.

He married in the fall of 1781, Hannah or Anna Rockefeller.

Anna Ringstorph, Soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed April 15, 1844. She was then seventy-eight years of age and a resident of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York where she still resided in 1848.

The widow stated that they had nine children and gave the names of the first four, Philip, Hannah, Simeon, and Margaret.

The pastor of the German Reformed Sanctity Church of Germantown, Columbia County, New York, made affidavit in 1845 as follows: "I find on the records of said church the baptism or births of several children of Philip Ringsdorph and Anna Rockefeller his wife. The eldest entry is that of Philip Ringsdorph and is the twenty-eight day of April seventeen hundred and eighty-two. The next entry thereafter of said children is that of Anna Ringsdorph and is the fourteenth day of February seventeen hundred and eighty-four. The next entry is that of Simon Ringsdorph and is the sixteenth of March seventeen hundred and eighty-six."

In 1844, Jeremiah Cronk of Taghkanic, Columbia County, New York, stated that he married Catharine, the eighth child of Philip and Hannah Ringstoprh.