

Pension Application for Christian Rockefeller

W.15798 (Widow: Eva) Christian and Eva married March 20, 1786. He died February 20, 1838.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 21st day of September 1832 personally appeared before me, Nathaniel P. Hill one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county of Orange, Christian Rockefeller a resident of the town of Montgomery in said County of Orange aged Seventy Seven years who being first duly sworn 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 states.

That in the case of an alarm he went into service in the company commanded by Cap VanHousen and Lieutenant John barber in the Regiment commanded by Col. McLaughrey and went to Hackensack in the State of New Jersey—that he was out at this time one month and seventeen days—the last ten days of the time he served under Cap. Tilford as the Regiment all returned except that company and he was attached to it that this was in the year 1776 as he thinks.

That at another time but in what year cannot state but in August went out under Cap. Nicholds to Hunk in the County of Ulster and was out oat this time one Month—guarding the frontiers against the Indians – that there was no officer ;there higher than a Captain.

That in the fall of the year 1778 he was out in Service under Cap Van Huesen and Col Newbert (who succeeded Col. McLaughrey taken prisoner at Fort Montgomery 1777) and served for one month at Peenpack guarding the frontiers against the Indians they had just burned the barn of Cap Dewit of that place—said DeWit was Cap of the Rangers –having nothing to do during the day and only on duty at night assisted said DeWit to husk his corn and gather it in.—Other soldiers did the same thing—that immediately after Fort Montgomery was taken was out one month with the militia under Cap Van Kuepens and lay at New Windsor that late in the fall of the year 1777 and after Fort Montgomery was taken went out under Cap Tilford to New Windsor and worked at building a fort at Nichols Point that at this time he was out five weeks.

That during the years 1776 & 1777 the cases of alarm were very frequent and he was often out to places on the North River, some times a few day sat others longer periods and would then be discharged and at other times he was out in cases of alarms to the parties at Peenpack & that at the time the battle of Minisink was fought and the Goshen Regiment almost destroyed by the Indians the applicant was out and on the way to Miniskink and next the said Regiment returning home. That in all the service in cases of alarms he was out one month & more.

And in answer to the interrogatories put by the war department he states that he was born in the town of Montgomery in Orange county N York on the 25 of October 1755.

That there is a record of his age in a bible in the possession of his sister.

That he has always lived in said town where he still resides.

That he was drafted twice and on all other occasions went out as a militiaman on his own account and never had a written discharge. That John McLean, John Hunt and John Barber can testify to his veracity & services.

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. (Signed with his mark) Christian Rockefeller

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Nath^l P. Hill