

Pension Application for Daniel Rowland

S.28860

State of New York County of Columbia SS.

On this second day of August 1833 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Columbia Daniel Rowland a resident of said County and an inmate of the poor-house in said County aged seventy-nine years 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 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1775 this applicant enlisted as a regular soldier for 8 months under the following officers to wit Captain Stephen Pearl and Lieutenant Rowley marched from Canaan in said County the place of his residence to Cambridge and Boston—was there placed under Colonel Woodbridge in the Massachusetts line was under the command of General Putnam and was in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Served his time and was discharged and returned home to Canaan, County aforesaid.

In the month of January 1776 this applicant again enlisted as a regular soldier for three months under the command of Major Cady and Lieutenant George Darrow in the Massachusetts line, march'd from Canaan aforesaid through the woods to the River St. Lawrence crossed over and marched down towards Quebeck where they met the American Army In retreat under the command of Generals Wooster and Arnold—was then marched back to fort Ticonderoga where this applicant served out his time of Enlistment and was discharged. There were only from companies of troops that went up together at this time to Canada under Major Cady.

This applicant again enlisted in the army of the United States as a private for nine months – was stationed at Fort George. This was in the month of May as this applicant best recollects serviced six months and was discharged on account of sickness and returned home to Canaan the officers were Captain Curtis, Lieutenant Moses Martin, Colonel VanSchaack and General Schuyler, this was in the New York line of troops, this was in the year 1776.

This applicant volunteered in the months of May 1777 to go to Ticonderoga as a private for three months march'd from Canaan to the above place and was stationed In the fort—served out the three months except the last week when he was taken prisoner with the rear guard under Captain stone on retreating before Burgoyne. Who took possession of the fort—was marched back to the fort and detained a prisoner about a week when on being sent by a Surgeon to get his horse he made his escape and went home just before the Battle of Saratoga. General Schuyler commanded at this time.

In the spring of the year 1779 cannot tell the exact month this applicant was drafted as a private for nine months under the command of Captain Stockwell and Lieutenant Bogg—marched to Skeensborough the place of destination was kept on duty then and in the Country adjacent during the period of his enlistment and was

discharged. Thinks there was but one company on duty this season at this place—does not recollect the names of any other officers.

This applicant has no documentary evidence of his revolutionary services and knows of no persons who can testify to his revolutionary services except those whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

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.

The reasons why this applicant has not procured the certificate of a clergyman is that there is no one who knows sufficient of his services to make the legal certificate.

On account of infirmity and old age this applicant cannot give dates nor names of officers more specific than he has above, but is certain that he served not less than the above periods—and claims a pension as a regular soldier for 17 months and as a militia soldier 12 months.

Answers to the Interrogatories

1st I was born in the year 1754 at Lyme, Connecticut.

2^d Has no record of his age.

3^d Lived in Canaan County of Columbia at the period of the revolution and has lived there ever since except a few years soon after the revolution when he lived in Connecticut. And the last two or three years which time he has been a invalid of the alms house in the County of Columbia aforesaid.

4th Enlisted to go to Cambridge in the year 1775.

Enlisted to go to Quebeck Jan 1776.

Enlisted to go to Fort George Do.

Volunteered to go to Ticonderoga 1777.

Was drafted to go to Skeensborough 1779.

Was a private during the several Champaigns [Campaigns]

5th The names of some of the Regular officers were Generals Putnam and Warren—Generals Wooster and Arnold and General Schuyler—Colonel Woodbridge—the names of other officers were—Captain Stone—Captain Stockwell and others as above stated—the names of Regiments were there as above set forth and this applicant has not the means of giving any other descriptions than that given above of the names of Regiments—When at home this applicant performed duty In the Canada Regiment.

6th has received discharges from service but has lost them long since.

7th The names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are Martin VanDeusen and Isaac Beeman.

He hereby constitutes Martin VanDeusen his agent in this matter to receive papers &c. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Rowland.

Subscribed and Sworn before me this second day of August 1833. Medad Butler a Judge &c.