

Pension Application for Rulif Ryan

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State of New York
Greene County SS.

On this third day of September—one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Greene now sitting being a court of record Rulif Rhyan and resident of the town of New Baltimore in the County of Greene and State of New York aged between eighty and eighty one 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 was born in the town of Kinderhook in the County of Columbia and State of New York on the 18th day of October 1751—that there has been a family record containing an entry of his birth and the same is now lost—that he resided in Kinderhook until the year 1775 when he rewarded to Coxsackie in the County of green and State aforesaid where he resided until 1808 when he removed to Coeymans and remained there until 1811 when he went to New Baltimore and has resided there ever since.

That soon after his renewal to Coxsackie from Kinderhook hew was enrolled in a militia company commanded by Samuel VanVeghten of Catskill were deceased, that he thinks that Albert VanLoon was the Lieutenant and John Dubois was Ensign; both of whom are also dead—

That the company to which he belonged was ordered by the commandant of the Regiment Col. Anthony VanBergen of Coxsackie to be in constant readiness for duty— That he was exercised and drilled as often as once a week—that shortly after his enrolment he was almost immediately called out on Scouting parties and did duty in that service from his enrollment un the fall of 1776—

That in the spring of 1776 he understood that his Captain Samuel VanVegeten had enlisted for nine months—that the company then elected one John Rouse as their Captain—that under him also he was constantly drilled and exercised for constant duty.—

That in October 1776 he was ordered to perform military service at a place called Lowenburgh were Athens in the aforesaid County of Greene—That there were several companies of militia there at that time and were under the command of Col. Anthony VanBergen of Coxsackie. That their service there was to guard certain American Boats in the Hudson's river at that place and to resist an expected attack from the Tories—

That John Witbeck of Catskill commanded the company to which he belonged and that Jacob VanVeghten of the same place was Lieutenant, both of whom are dead. That he remained there in service at that time between five and six weeks—That during the winter of 1776, 1777, he continued to be frequently drilled and exercised and very often during that time, sometimes every week was called out on scouting

parties to explore the adjoining country and to protect and defend the inhabitants against the Tories & the Indians—

That in the spring of 1777 he was ordered out to Fort Edward & Lake George—that he went and was under the command of Capt Myndert VanSchaick of Coxsackie was deceased and who was brother of Colonel Gosen VanSchaick of Albany—that he went first to Fort Edward & from there to Lake George, that the army retreated at that time towards Albany, that he remained in actual service at that time until about four weeks after the evacuation of Ticonderoga by the Americans and the capture of the same by Burgoyne when he returned to Coxsackie —That he believes that he was on duty at this time but less than six weeks.

That a very short time after his returned the company to which he belonged was ordered to furnish one man out of every four for immediately service against General Burgoyne, that he volunteered and went on to VanSchaack's Island, an Island in Hudson's river opposite Troy and there joined the American forces under General Gates. That one Capt Benjamin Dubois of Catskill now deceased commanded the company to which he as attached that John VanSchaick of Coxsackie acted as Ensign and that Abraham Wemp of Schenectady was the Colonel of the Regiment.

That he this deponent marched from there to Stillwater and remained there one or two days, and from there went to Bemis's heights where the American Army was encamped—That he was present when the Battle of Stillwater was fought—that he was one of Genl Gates guard and was on that duty for four days—That John VanSchaack of Coxsackie was there at the same time—That shortly after that Battle he was relieved by Nicholas VanSchaack a militia man from Coxsackie and that he was absent on duty at that time not less than two months—

That on his way home from Stillwater he heard that Esopus been burnt by the British and immediately upon his return he was ordered on duty against the British who were coming up the North river—that he forthwith went onto Catskill and remained there a few days until he heard the British had returned to New York.

That at the time of General Sullivan's expedition the company to which he belonged had to furnish one man out of every four to serve in that expedition for nine months.

That this deponent, Nicholas VanSchaack, Jacobus VanValkenburgh, and Tunis VanVeghten composed one class; that they hired one Isaac VanGelder as a substitute for that service and paid him & that he believes that he rendered the necessary service he being accepted as such substitute—

That every person belonging to that class is dead and has been dead for many years except this deponent—that he believes the said Isaac VanGelder is also dead.

That towards the last of the Revolutionary war he also hired as a substitute one David Steenbrander for one month who did duty at a place called Passamaquassac in the town of Catskill and was under the command of Philip Conine a Captain Lieutenant in the New York line of the Continental Army—which substitute he believes is also dead—

That in addition to the services in the above declaration particularly specified this deponent declares that from the year 1775 to the close of the Revolutionary war he was frequently ordered out and did duty upon various and different occasions. That by reason of his advanced age it is impossible for him immediately to set forth all the services he has rendered for the United States during the Revolutionary war.

That he can however generally state that from 1775 until the end of the war he considered himself bound to military service and for that purpose kept himself in continual readiness—

That besides the aforesaid services he was frequently called out for short periods, for two, three and more days and nights at a time. That he always faithfully discharged his duty as a soldier—that he has no doubt that including the various & very frequently services he rendered upon scouting parties, in exploring the Country & in guarding it & the Inhabitants against the continually threatened attacks of the Tories & Indians, he has done more than two years actual military service for the United States, over and above the aforesaid service rendered by substitutes.

That he never had a discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Rulif Ryan

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court before me. William V.B. Heermance, Clerk