

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

Washington, D. C., \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_

R. F. 905-1

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_ for a statement of the military history of Joseph Rowley a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
Oct. 1, 1775	2 mos.	Pat.	Amesley	Simon & Patterson	Mass.
Jan'y 1776	2 mos.	"		Ford	
Mar <sup>4</sup> June 1776	3 mos.	"	Amos Rathbone	Ashley	
May 1777	4 mos.	"	went to Wood	Ashley	
Aug. 1777	2 weeks	"	to Remington Vt		
1776, 1779, 1780	3 mos at various times	"	in scouting parties after Indians and Tories		

Battles engaged in, \_\_\_\_\_

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Richmond Berkshire Co. Mass.

Date of application for pension, Oct. 2, 1832 His d. was at \_\_\_\_\_

Residence at date of application, Pittsford, Monroe Co. N.Y.

Age at date of application, born in 1752 at Colchester Hartford Co. Conn

Remarks: died Dec. 23 1833 at Victor N.Y.

Soldier mar his first wife Sibbel Fox May 27, 1773 She died May 8, 1784 in her 35<sup>th</sup> y.  
He married 2<sup>d</sup> wife Hannah Loveland Feb 9, 1785 She was a resident of Victor Ontario Co. N.Y. in 1838. Children: Lucy, Tullen b. Dec. 10, 1791. Deborah b. 3 yrs. old in 1839 man of Jacob Perkins, Sylocia wife of Fredrick A. Hart who stated that her wife's mother Hannah Fox Rowley died Dec. 20-1847.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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of Rejection of widows claims in "Rejected & Suspended Pensions" page 183 as ridiculous, as soldier was allowed pension.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus:  $\}$ ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

**A Statement, shewing the Service of Joseph Rowley,**

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
Entered 1775		2.		Private	Capt. Medley	Col. Simon Col. Patterson	none	From Richmond to Lake George Ticonderoga St. John's Sence	Aged 80 yrs Berkshire Massachusetts	Traditionary
Entered 1776.		2.		Pr.	not stated	Col. Ashley & Ford.	none	Albany.		
Entered 1776 as a volunteer.		3.		Pr.	Capt. Rathbone	Col. Ashley		From Berkshire to Albany to Fort Edward		
vol. 1777		4.		Pr.	Capt. Wood.	Col. Ashley	none	From Richmond to Albany to Ft. Edward St. John's & Ft. George		
" vol. 1778 & 1779 & 1780		14		Pr.	Capt. Wood.	Col. Ashley	none	Birmingham.		
		2.		Pr.	not stated	not stated.	none	Birmingham.		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

+ Capt Amos Rathbone

1777. Vol 22. p 124 - 19 days

State of New York  
County of Monroe } 2d.

On this second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty<sup>th</sup> personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Joseph Rowley, a resident of Pittsford in the County of Monroe & State of New York aged eighty 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 7, 1832

1 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated.

That he enlisted into a company under the Command of Captain Smedley attached to Colonel Simons's Regiment and Fellows's Brigade on or about the first day of October 1775 & left the same the latter part of November or the first of December of the same year, having served about two Period months at this time. That he resided when he entered 2 mo. the service in the town of Richmond in the County Berkshire & State of Massachusetts that during aforesaid he marched from Richmond aforesaid to Genesee in the state of New York, from thence to Fort and went to Fort Ticonderoga, from thence was ordered to Mount Independence & remained there until discharge excepting some time spent in scouting parties. That he served some of said time in a Continental Regiment Commanded by Colonel Patterson, that after being discharged as aforesaid, he returned home

2 That some time in January 1776 he again entered the service of the United States, that he was ordered by Colonel Ashley the Commanding officer of Berkshire County to go & hunt Tories in the County of Albany in the state of New York. Period that he spent about two months on this expedition, that 2 mo. he was attached to Colonel Ford's Regiment in Schoharie County after which he was discharged & returned home

3 That he again entered the service as a Volunteer under Colonel Ashley & Captain Nathurn & marched from Berkshire aforesaid to Albany & from thence to Fort Edward

and remained there as the general place of rendezvous nearly all the summer, that he went into the service at this time in the latter part of May or the first of June 1776, that he  
Period spent some time at Fort George that his principal duty  
3 mo. was hunting Tories & Indians in small scouting parties, that he remained in the service at this time about three months having left the same the latter part of August 1776.

4 That he was then discharged from his service & returned home that he again entered the service as a Volunteer under Col. Ashley & Captain Wood in the Spring (thinks in May) of the year 1777 that he then resided in Richmond aforesaid and that he then marched from Richmond to Albany with his Company & from thence to Fort Edward & from thence to Fort Ann & Fort George, that he remained at Fort

Period Ann the most of the time & was at several other places  
4 mo. in the state of New York, that he left the service in the latter part of September, that he remained in the service at this time, as near as he can recollect about four months, that after being discharged he returned home.

That soon after he returned home he was ordered General Rossiter (as he thinks) to go to Bennington in the state of Vermont that he went into the same <sup>Company</sup> which he was with, 1/2 mo. at Fort Ann, that he then marched to Bennington, but did not arrive there until two days after the battle, then he returned home that he was out about two weeks at this time.

5 That during the years of 1778, 1779 & 1780 he frequently volunteered to go out in scouting parties to hunt Tories & Period Indians, that he was out from three to eight days at a  
3 mo. time, that he was ordered out at these times by the officers then commanding in the County of Berkshire aforesaid and he verily believes that he was in the service during those three years as many as three months.

That when he was at Albany independent in the service of his Country he accidentally, <sup>fell</sup> which fall caused a bodily breach & that it has rendered him almost unfit for any business or employment since that time & that he has been his

Joseph Rowley <sup>Oct 7</sup> 1732 of Pettiford Monroe Co NY age 80 years - Enlists from Richmond Berkshire  
Co Mass about 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1775 for two mo<sup>s</sup> under Capt Smedley, Colo Simons Reg<sup>t</sup> + Follows Brigade  
marching to Lake George NY via boats reached ~~Fort~~ <sup>Mount</sup> Ticonderoga + Fort Independence, employed  
in Scouting parties - a portion of the time under Com<sup>d</sup> Colo Patterson.

1776 Jan entered the service ordered by Colo Ashley Commanding Officer of the Co to go  
to Albany to hunt Tories in which expedition absent 2 mo<sup>s</sup> - attached to Colo Ford's  
Reg<sup>t</sup> in Columbia Co - Vol<sup>s</sup> under Capt Rathbun + Reg<sup>t</sup> Colo Ashley <sup>detachment of reg<sup>t</sup> for 3 mo<sup>s</sup></sup> marched to Albany  
then to Fort Edward where <sup>at Fort George</sup> remaining nearly all summer hunting Tories + Indians in small  
Scouting parties - About May 1777 Vol<sup>s</sup> under Capt Wood + Colo Ashley <sup>4 mo<sup>s</sup></sup> marching  
to Albany, Fort Edward, Fort Ann + Fort George. Immediately after returning home was ordered  
with same co to Bennington Vt by Gen Rossiter but did not arrive until 2 days after the battle - about 2 weeks

Application for Certificate of Revolutionary  
Service by the Widow -

State of New York Co. of  
County of Ontario The Secretary of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby  
requested to furnish evidence from the Rolls in  
his Office of the Revolutionary Service of my  
late husband Joseph Rowley who served six  
-ten Months or more as follows -

That he entered  
the Service in 1775 under Capt. Smedley - Col.  
Sinous - Genl. Hallow - served two Months - Discha-  
-ged in Oct -

That he entered the Service again in 1776 was attached  
to Col. Ford's Regiment - His business was to  
buy & carry in the County of Albany N.Y.

That he was in the Service again in 1776 under  
Capt. Rathbone - Col. Ashley - was stationed  
most of the time at Fort Edward - Oct 3 Months.

That he entered the Service again 1777 under Capt.  
Wood - Col. Ashley - was at Fort Ann & Fort  
Edwards in the Service 4 Months.

That he was in the Service during the Years 1778 -  
1779 & 1780 at frequent short Tolls probably from  
Oct 9 Months.

I am now 84 years old - I reside in the town  
of Victor Ontario Co. N.Y. & do hereby empower John  
B. Curtis of Monroe Wayne Co. New York to act in the  
premises as my attorney.

Witness my hand this 24 day of  
March 1845

Signed in my presence by the said Rowley  
by the said Nathaniel Rowley  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1845

Nath. Campbell,

Justice of the Peace in & for said County