

Pension Application for Harmanus Blauvelt

S.22653

State of New York

County of Rockland SS.

On this fourteenth day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me [?] J. Blauvelt Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Harmanus Blauvelt a resident of the town of Clarkstown in the County of Rockland, and State of New York, aged ninety one years the sixteenth day of April last past, 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 enrolled in the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I was called to the service in the Militia in Capt. Henry Tenure Company, and Col. A. Hawks Hays Regiment come time in the summer of 1776, and continued in said enrolment [enrollment] until the close of the Revolutionary War.

That he well recollects that he was in the following engagements (but dose [does] not recollect the day or month) one was near the Hudson River in the town of Haverstraw, then the County of Orange, now the County of Rockland with a company of the British, who landed from one of their ships laying an [blot] on the Hudson, their object in landing was to plunder and steal the cattle and whatever they could lay their hands on, belonging to the inhabitants, our company lye consealed [lay concealed] in the woods until they had all landed from the barge we rushed upon them, and took them prisoners, without any blood being shed, they fired at us from the ship, the cannon balls whistling about our ears and cutting the limbs of which a splinter struck violently against my face; another engagement with a small company of the enemy in Clarkstown County and State aforesaid at this time our company was commanded by Lieut Walter VanOrder who was an officer under Capt. Henry Tenure, we look three men prisoners and sent them to head quarters—one was mortally wounded.

That in the year 1777 in the month of November as I believe I volunteered in Cap. Robert Johnsons Company, we were marched in Bergin [Bergen] County, State of New Jersey to a place called Wehawken where one of our men Ganet O. Blenis was wounded he further declares that he was marched in said Bergin [Bergen] County under Lieut Walter VanOrden to a place called Wermis where we took one Jacob Acker prisoner, who had been engaged for some time in assisting the enemy, giving them all the information he was capable of, to enable them to steel [steal], plunder, and destroy property of those that were true to their country's Independence.

He further states that he was under the command of Lieut Walter VanOrden in taking three men prisoners, in Clarkstown, now County of Rockland, they where [were] searched we found some papers with them which were read by one Joseph Blauvelt, we Judged form the contents of their papers that they were spys [spies], they where [were] sent to a company of regular troops, their lying in the Village of Clarkstown commanded by Cap. [left blank] who on a more rigorous search and examination where found to be spys [spies] sent to head quarters where two of them where [were] executed, as I was afterward informed.

I was a resident of Clarkstown, then Orange, now Rockland County, and State of New York, when I entered the service in 1776 and commenced to reside in said place ever since to the present time, I was sergeant in Cap. Henry Tenure's Company from the commencement to the close of the Revolutionary War—Rockland County in the State of New York and Bergen County in the State of New Jersey, where [were] very much harassed by the enemy by land and by water from the time the British landed and took possession of New York, to the close of the said war; part of the British army marched from New York, (I do not now recollect the year) through Bergin [Bergen] County and so into Rockland County, laying waste and destroying everything in their way after said army left our place and returned to New York, the enemy continued, frequently to ransack our country, led on and piloted by the

refugees and tories, stealing, horses, cattle, and everything they could lay their hands on, they carried [carried] to New York, rob houses, afterwards set fire to them, killing the inhabitants, and taking some prisoners to New York, also the British shipping laying anchored of [off] Rockland County on the Hudson River, where [were] continually harassing the inhabitants along said river, committing depredation, plundering, robbery [robbery] and sometimes succeeding to take some, who were called by the enemy rebbles [rebels] prisoners to New York, which made it indisputably necessary to have a great part of the militia out on actual duty all the time from the year 1776 to the close of said war, to save the said county of Bergin [Bergen] and the county of Rockland, from utter destruction and notwithstanding all the guarding and defence that was in the power of our militia to make, the said counties were laid waste, and suffered very much, I did not serve in any continental company or regiment, but am confident that I have been in actual service, as a soldier, doing and performing the duties of sergent [sergeant] in Cap. Henry Tenure's Company and Cap. Robert Johnson's Company, more than two years during the Revolutionary War; that he has no documentary evidence to prove his claim, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except a few of the surviving fellow soldiers of the Revolution; that John Hutton, Garrit Laven, Jacob Tallman, & Andrew Ouderdonk can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Harmanus Blauvelt

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before me. Com. J. Blauvelt Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county.

Letter in folder dated June 12, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.22653, it appears that HARMANUS BLAUVELT was born April 16, 1741, in Ramapo, Orange (later Rockland) County, New York.

While a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland County, New York, he enlisted in July, 1776, and served at various times until the close of the Revolution, amounting to about two years in all, as Sergeant with the New York Troops under Captains Hendrick Tenure and Robert Johnson and Colonel A. Hawkes Hay; he was in engagements at Haverstraw and Clarkstown.

Pension was allowed on his application executed December 14, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Clarkstown, New York. He died February 28, 1833, leaving a son, Daniel H.; a grandson, Peter Demarest, Jr., child of the soldier's daughter, Lany; and the following heirs (their relationship to soldier not stated): Margaret, widow of Cornelius A. Baluvelt; Annie, wife of Cornelius Onderdonk; Sarah, widow of David B. Demarest; Bridge, wife of Abraham Sarvent.

The above noted is the only HARMANUS BLAUVELT found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau and there is no record of Harmanis Blauvelt.