

## **Pension Application for Derick C. Groot**

S.23243

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting Derick C. Groot a resident of the town of Niskayuna in said County and State, aged seventy four 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He was born in the said town of Niskayuna in the then County of Albany in the State of New York on the thirteenth day of October 1758. He has no record of his age except that contained in the Register of the Baptisms in possession of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of Schenectady.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in said town and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said town & he now lives in the town of Niskayuna aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1775 he enrolled as a private in the militia company in his beat, commanded by Captain Nanning Fisher in the regiment commanded by Colonel James VanSchoonhoven.

The names of his other company & field officers whom he recollects, were Nicholas P. VanVranken and Lieutenant John VanVranken first Lieutenant, Maus VanVranken Ensign, James Gordon Lieutenant Colonel Ezekiel Taylor Major Simon Fort Quarter Master [blank] Cook Adjutant, John Cureton Surgeon—After he had served as a private in said company for the term of two or three months he received the appointment of and only Sergeant, and he served as such orderly Sergeant in said company until the end of said war. The principal expeditions in which he engaged are as near as eh can recollect them as follows. He was in Camp at Fort Edward in 1776 for the term of [blank] months.

He was at Lake George in camp in 1776 for the term of one month, at Bemis Heights in Schuyler's retreat one month Battle of Bemis Heights. Four weeks at Cherry Valley eight days before Cherry Valley was destroyed at Stone Arabia three weeks at Balston when it was burnt by the enemy for about three weeks. He was engaged in several scouting parties, was also on guard at the Mohawk river, several times in pursuit of tories to Heldebergh, Newtown, Clifton park and other places three different times.

In 1780 he and some other members of said regiment marched as volunteers and joined a detachment of regular troops sixty four in number and proceeded to Ticonderoga to cut off the communication of Sir John Johnson's army on their way to Canada after they had destroyed the west settlements. When not out in distant

expeditions, he mounted guard at Fort's Ferry & Fisher's ferry, for a period in the whole exceeding six months.

He was no battles or skirmishes during said war except the above mentioned battles. That he was in the service of the United States doing duty as a soldier for the term in all of more than two years & was under arms nearly all the war.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Govern[er] George Clinton, Col. Marinus Willet, Major Wimple, Gen. Ganzevort, Gen. Schuyler, Gen. Ten Broeck, Captain Fisher, Lieut N. P. VanVranken, John VanVranken Capt.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of person 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, to wit, Nicholas Fort, Laurence Vrooman, Cornelius Groot.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are 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, to wit. Nicholas Fort, Laurence Vrooman, Cornelius Groot.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except eh present and declares that his name is no on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Derick C. Groot.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman Clerk.