

**Pension Application for Henry V. Hovenbergh
or VanHovenbergh or Hoofenbergh**

W.16607 (Widow: Hester Demond Hovenbergh) Married August 1782. Henry died August 12, 1839.

Cornelius born Nov. 25, 1784.

Abraham born October 13, 1788.

Hendericus born Nov 2, 1790.

Margretze born Nov. 1, 1793.

Hillktje born Sept 22, 1794.

A statement of my Revolutionary serviced, performed during that war at the several places and stations in which I have served.

I was brought up by Col. Peter TenBroeck of the town of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County & State of New York from the eight year of my age & he being a friend to the cause of the revolution was elected a member of our state convention and was appointed a Brigadier General of the militia of Dutchess County and through his influence I presume I was appointed Quartermaster of the Regiment in which we resided whereof Morris Graham Esqr was Colonel and in the year 1776 in the month of May or beginning of June the Militia was called out on an alarm on the occasion of the British commander having sent up the North River two ships of war which I saw at anchor in Peekskill Bay in plain sight of Fort Montgomery and we remained there some days which I cannot exactly estimate it may have been two weeks, when we were discharged.

The next was a call on the regiment of which I was QuarterMaster and turned out and we t with that part that could be controlled by the officers (a great number of them being tories [Tories] refused to go) and marched down to Westchester County. On a review of the whole we were consolidated into two companies. The supernumary officers were discharged. I remained as QuarterMaster under the command of Major Nicholas Fish who was then stationed there. In this service I saw the blood of two British light horse flow who were killed at Williams Corner near Bronks River and within 3 or 4 miles of Fort Independence our party was commanded by Col. Hendrick VanRensaelaer [VanRensselaer] of Albany County and Major Nicholas Fish of New York and we took two horses with their accoutrements four escaped by flight but it was said that all died of their wounds they received in this affray.

Our time of service was 6 or 7 weeks according to the best of my recollection and I believe the above mentioned service was performed in the latter part of 1776 & beginning of 1777. I then returned home and found the general my friend and patron lying on is sick bed with the camp fever as it was then called. I was taken before I got hom and on my arrival I was immediately confined to my bed and was brought very low but yet permitted to be raised again through the Goodness of my Heavenly Father & permitted to live to this day and relate this account.

My third service was in the year 1777 in the month of October after the British took Fort Montgomery and sailed up the North River and destroyed and burnt

Kingston in Ulster County I was then with the Militia in the Town of Rhinebeck at the ferry where were gathered a small scattering part of our regiment.

The enemy landed a small force one mile south of the ferry. A small party of our country's friends went to meet them they then retreated on board of their fleet. On the west side of the river the British marched to Kingston and burnt every house in it but one and all the houses from the village to the landing and at the landing several vessels in the creek they sailed up the river burning a number of (9 torn) on both sides of the river and up as far North as the Mansion House of the Honourable Chancellor Livingston and his worthy mother widow of Judge Livingston and burnt all their buildings.

The buildings belonging to the widow of the late Brigadier General TenBroeck were also burnt which was my home at this time. I was with the militia when General Putnam arrived with a reinforcement and after a short halt ordered out a party of about 60 men to Reconnoiter the river they wanting as guide I offered my services as a volunteer and was accepted I went on with them as far North as the residences of the aforesaid widow & Chancellor Livingston and found all their buildings in flames and almost demolished we had on the bank in the rear of the building and marched down when in sight the enemy fired two cannon shot upon us but to no effect and from the bank we returned the fire on a Galley which lay near the shore and give them the second volley while they slipped their cable & moved out of our reach in the rivers report says that the Capt of the Galley was killed after searching for stragglers [stragglers] and not finding any we returned back to Rhinebeck flats & reported to the General when the enemy retired I returned to my destroyed home to save what was left.

This service was short.

After our state government was organized and a new militia roll was issued I received no appointment I became exempt from military [military] duty of which there were many it was deemed necessary by a law of the state to embody those not exempt by age into companies to be commanded by officers of their choice.

In the company that I was located Col. Isaac Bloom was elected captain there was a call for one third of the militia & exempts, also in in [sic] the fall of 1778 or 1779 to serve three months in which by lot I was to serve the first of three months & then to be relieved by my class mates which month I served under the command of Capt Isaac Bloom and were encamped in the town of Fishkill about 3 or 4 miles north of the highlands and were discharged at the end of the first month & returned home and there remained until May 1780 when I was appointed without my knowledge a Lieutenant in a regiment raised by a law of the state for the protection of the frontiers commanded by Colonel Albert Paulding Esqr and called into actual service on the third day of May 1780 by General orders from his excellency the Governor the date of my commission notwithstanding as will appear by an order on the margin of any commission which I yet have in my possession.

I was placed as Lieutenant in a company commanded by Capt. Henry Pawling in which John VanDeusen Esqr was also attached as Lieutenant Quarter master of

said regiment. Our company by order of our commandant was stationed at a place called Great Shandaken on the frontiers of Ulster County (there were three men taken out of the company to fill up the state regiments in the Continental Army).

We were stationed in a picket fort round the dwelling house of one Longyear there we remained during this term of service scouring the frontiers to the North along the Blue Mountains as far as the south bounds of Albany County & westward to a place called Poghkatoking to a settlement on the East branch of Delaware River as we were ordered by our commandant here was nothing remarkable occurred excepting a surprise by our skulking enemy on a party about 30 men of our company on returning from the aforesaid branch of the Delaware they were fired on by the enemy & one soldier by the name of John Rider was killed and scalped our party received no more injury our party returned to the fort. We heard no more of the enemy after searching for them. This term of service was eight months as near as I now recollect and were discharged.

I returned to my former home where I remained until the spring of 1781 when I was again appointed Lieutenant under Col. Commandant Pawling & placed under the same Capt Pawling as formerly and after being mustered the company was divided in two parties and by our commandant ordered to take two stations that part that was commanded by our captain was stationed at a place called Yough Cripple Bush in Marletown the remaining part were placed under my command and was ordered to take my station at a place called Shokan on the farm and in the house of Hendrick Crispell where we built a picket fort and a log house for our protection and habitation and my orders were to scour the frontiers constantly to see if any of the enemy were lurking about us.

Our rout[e] extended to the North about sixteen miles West 12 or 14 miles in this campaign the frontiers on my route were not disturbed and after serving between eight or nine months we were discharged and I returned to my former home and there remained in the service of the Widow TenBroeck.

The above is a true statement & the facts therein contained according to my best recollection and belief as witness my hand this 6th day of Sept'r 1832. Henry V. Hovenburgh.

The within sworn to & subscribed in open court the sixty day of September 1832. Thomas Palmer, Clerk

To wit and say, I was born on Rhinebeck flats in the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the 30th day of March 1758 where my father was minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, under his care I remained until I was a little over eight years old when by his mental derangement it became necessary for the family to be separated.

I was then taken under the charge of Colonel Peter TenBroeck & his lady who were my sponsors for my Baptismal vows under whose care and protection I remained until the death of the then Brigadier General TenBroeck who died in the month of March 1776 I still remained with his widow where I made my home when not

otherwise engaged until her decease which was sometime in the month of January 1783 and then remained on the farm until the 1st of May 1784 in the service of General Robert VanRensselaer [VanRensselaer] of the town of Claverack County of Albany. I then removed to Staatsburgh adjoining the North River where I then remained until 1795. The first part of the time I sailed a sloop in the North River the remainder of the time I followed farming and fishing.

In the spring of the year 1795 I removed on a farm which I purchased of Mr. David Delamater of Kingston situated in the town of Marlborough & county of Ulster there I remained as a farmer until the year 1800 within this term I was appointed an assessor under the act for levying a direct tax under the United States law. In which I represented the town of Marlborough in the Assessment district comprehending three towns New Paltz, Shawangunk & Marlborough, also all of the County of Ulster which district was represented by Cornelius Bruyn Esqr., of Shawangunk as principal assessor of said district.

In the year 1800 I removed to the town of New Paltz adjoining the North River where I built a dock in Crum Elbow & kept a store & sailed a sloop carrying lumber to New York and some part of the time I followed farming in the year 1805 I sold and removed into Saratoga County in the town now called Clifton Park where I followed farming four years and removed in Malta in 1814 where I followed farming four years in 1818 I removed to Charlton where I now reside following the occupation of farming.

The above is true statement of the above facts as witness my hand 6th day of Sept 1832. Henry V. Hovenburgh

The within sworn & subscribed the sixth day of September 1832 in open court.
Thomas Palmer Clerk