

Pension Application for Jacob Lyport

S.13813

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 of the County of Schenectady aforesaid and State of New York aforesaid now sitting Jacob Lyport a resident of the Town of Glenville in said County of Schenectady aged seventy three years and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

That he was born at the now town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady then Albany in the State of New York in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine and has no record of his age. That he was living in the County of Albany at the place now called Glenville in the now county of Schenectady near the City of Schenectady in the immediate seat of the incursions of the Enemy Indians Tories and Spies that in the year 1775 he was enrolled in the company commanded by Captain Abraham VanEps (1) in the regiment of Major M. Wemple (2) of the Militia of the State of New York. That during the whole war of the Revolution deponent was so enrolled and was constantly on the alert in consequence of the incursions of the enemies of his country.—When not in other services wherein mentioned. The following are the principal of the expeditions and services in which he was engaged. In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he went with a small party of men from the City of Schenectady in pursuit of the famous Joe Bettis to Clifton Park and Ballston that the party were under the said Captain VanEps this expedition or scout lasted only about one week.

That in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven this deponent was drafted into the said company of Captain Abraham VanEps to go to Saratoga. That the company mustered in the spring of the year at Schenectady aforesaid that they marched from Schenectady to Saratoga and were stationed on the line between Albany and Beemis Hight [Heights] to prevent the march of the enemy who expected to force their way to Albany under General Burgoine (3) that he was at Beemis Hights and Stillwater and Saratoga, and at Lowdens Ferry [Loudon's Ferry]. That he this deponent continued doing duty in the company aforesaid as a private soldier from May 1777 until September of the same year when he was permitted to return home being sick that he has no discharge in writing he was in actual service more than three months does not recollect the Col. or Major.

That in the fall of the year 1780 he was drafted to go to Stone Arabia and was marched there under the command of his Captain Walter Vrooman (4) as he thinks and continued at Stone Arabia Fort & on Scouts near the Fort for more than two months that he was placed there to keep guard and watch the place from the savages of Indians and Tories & the enemy. That he was discharged in the month of December of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he had no written discharge.

That previous to this he was drafted to go to Schoharie in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine into the said Company of Walter Vrooman (5) Captain as a militia man. That the company left Schenectady in the month of August 1779 and marched to Schoharie where they continued until the last of November doing duty in the said Company as a private soldier keeping watch and guard that he was drafted for three months and faithfully served out his term when he was discharged. He has no written discharge.

And this deponent further says during the war of the Revolution he was frequently out on short expeditions and scouts in pursuit of Indians and Tories at other and different times from these above detailed that he verily believes he was in actual military duty this way together with the above mentioned expeditions more than one year in the war of the Revolution. And this deponent further says that he has continued to reside in the Town of Glenville ever since the war of the Revolution and is now very indigent and hopes he may receive a pension to alleviate his necessities.

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:

Col. Willet, Col. Wemple, Major Swits, Col. Van Dyke. (6)

He never received any written discharge from the service.

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

The following are the names of persons to whom his 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 Rev'd James Murphy, Stephen A. Taggett, Jacob Osborn, Peter Sanders and James Caw.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Lyport
Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk

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1. Abraham VanEps was commissioned Captain on June 20, 1778 in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Myndert M. Wemple was commissioned the Second Major on June 20, 1778 in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
3. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne. He surrendered his British forces on October 17, 1777.
4. Jacob is mistaken on this tour of service. This service was probably in 1779 as a detachment of Albany County Militia was stationed at Fort Paris in Stone Arabia then. However, Jacob could not have served under Walter Vrooman in 1779 or 1780. Vrooman served as a Lieutenant in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies from April to December of 1779. In 1780, Walter was appointed Captain on May 11, 1780 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John harper's Regiment of New York State Levies. By October, Captain Vrooman was stationed at Fort Schuyler. Captain Vrooman was taken prisoner at Oneida Lake on October 23, 1780 and taken to Canada where he remained until 1783.
5. Jacob may have the year wrong on this tour. He may have served in 1778. Walter J. Vrooman served as a First Lieutenant in Captain Jesse VanSlyck's Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment. Jacob may have served under Vrooman at some period prior to 1779 but not after that time period.
6. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett of the New York State Levies from 1781-1783, First Major Abraham Swits in Colonel Wemple's Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel Cornelius VanDyke of the New York Continental Regiment.