

Pension Application for Henry Schram

W.9,272

Suspended Case, R No 9272

Henry Schram Rev. Soldier resided in the Town of Openheim [sic] Montgomery Co., NY in the year 1833 Agent John Nellis or Nillis resided at Palatine Bridge Montgomery Co. in 1833. His Bro. John Schram W.24914 (N.Y.) resided also at Openheim. No record of John & Henry Schram found in Bible. Dat. 23/sep/79

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of the Town of Oppenheim in the County & State aforesaid Henry Schram who being duly sworn, say in order to amend his original declaration contained in the proceedings had by him for a Pension in the Court of Common Pleas of said County on the 20th day of last September that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of his memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades: viz:--

That he served as a private from 15th July 1777 to 17th October 1777 for three months & two days in the company whereof Jeremiah Miller (1) was Capt. One Miller (2) (whose Christian name he cannot recollect but who was a cousin of the Capt.) was Lieut. in the Regiment, whereof John VanAllen (3) was Col., Richard Esselstine Major, John Schram his father was (he thinks) Quarter Master Sergeant but on this occasion acted according to his recollection as adjutant—that he entered as a substitute said company in the place of Lambert Van Hoosen—that he was marched to Saratoga according to the best of his recollection from Claverack in the now County of Columbia that he was some time at Still-Water—that he saw Genl Schuyler (4) repeatedly—that he also saw Genl Gates & Arnold & the whole of the American Army—that several battles were fought between the American & British under the command of Genl Burgoyne (5) before the surrender of the British Army that the militia to which he belonged were not engaged in the battles—that he & the company to which he belonged were principally stationed at or near Saratoga & Still Water that some days after the surrender of Burgoyne he returned home—that he resided where he entered said service in the Town of Claverack in the now County of Columbia State of New York--& served as such substitute & private as aforesaid for the period above mentioned—that the reason of his not giving this tour of service in his said original declaration was that he was told it was unnecessary—therefore it was not done—That said Regt & company belonged to the infantry of the revolutionary army of the militia of the State of New York—that some of the militia to which he belonged of the stoutest & strongest men were ordered & did fell and cut down some trees & they threw obstructions in the way of Genl Burgoyne—but does not recollect & thinks he was not employed in this business as he was quite young at the time of the age of about 14 years.—

That he served as a private in the company whereof James VanAllen (6) was Capt. —a Mr. Van Buren was Lieut., James Wyngard Ensign in the Regt whereof Abraham Van Alstine was Col, Philip Van Alstine Lieut. Col., Isaac Goes (7) was Major of Said Regt of infantry militia of the State of New York in the Revolutionary Army—that he served as such private in said company from Eighteenth day of September 1779 to twenty sixth day of September 1779 for ten days on a Scouting party of about fifteen men of said company in & about the Town of Clavarack—That they were either drafted or ordered out by the officers of the Regt or some one of them but cannot positively swear that they were drafted at this particular time as they were sometimes drafted & other times ordered out by the officer into service—the object was as he understood to apprehend some Tories who resisted to do duty & kept concealed—that he cannot recollect who had the command of the said party to which he belonged & in which he served during said tour of duty but believes a Sergeant whose name is forgotten commanded the party – that they were marched about & stopped at Abm Fonda & then marched to different places in & about this Town of Claverack.

That he served as a private in the said last mentioned Company & Regt to which belonged the same officers last mentioned served first day of October 1779 to fifteenth day of October 1779 for fifteen days—according to the best of his recollection a party of about thirty men of said company were drafted, he being among the number drafted—that a party of Tories disguised from the west side of the Hudson river in the Hellebarrack a mountainous & rough country covered with woods where they were concealed in the day time & in the night time, it was said, held meetings at the house of some Tory's nearest by—that he & the men to which he belonged went to break up the gang of Tories—they marched to the Hallebarrack & ranged to the woods & in the night times they watched—that the company & Regt to which he belonged during this term of service belonged to the infantry of the militia of the State of New York—that they took Peter Clough from the Tories whom they had taken prisoner—he informed them that the Tories had gone off—that he served for the period aforesaid on last mentioned tour—

That he served as a private soldier in the said last mentioned company & Regt the same officers according to his recollection were attacked & belonged there to that he has before mentioned--& from the twenty sixth day of October 1779 to the fifth day of November 1779 for at least nine days—that he rendered that service on a scouting duty in the back part of the Town of Claverack in the now County of Columbia—That this scouting party consisted

of about 30 men of said company ordered out (he thinks) by the officers of the company in this tour of duty—that in the Town of Claverack it was supposed that nearly half were openly or secretly disaffected to the cause of the revolution—that these held frequently meetings in the night time to concert plans to counteract the cause of those who were fighting for their country—sometime they plundered or destroyed the property of the Whigs or menaced the lives of those who were zealous in the cause of their Country—that he & those who went on said scouting party were engaged to prevent this organization of the Tories & to apprehend such of them as were active & to break them up—that he cannot recollect who commanded the party to which he belonged as sometimes a Sergeant or Corporal & Sometimes a commissioned officer of said company commanded to which he belonged and sometimes a Sergeant or Corporal & sometimes a commissioned officer of said company commanded. [sic]

That said company & Regt belonged to the infantry of the militia of the State of New York & of the revolutionary army—that a Mr. Jas. Hardick was murdered by the Tories as was said & has never been heard of since—that said party searched for his body but could not find it—that on this tour of service he served for the period last mentioned as a private.—

That he served as a private soldier in the same company & Regt & under the same officers last mentioned from the tenth day of November 1779 to Eighteenth day of November 1779 for eight days as follows—according to the best of his recollection he was drafted on this tour of service together with about 30 others of said company—that they marched to a place called Noble Town in the now County of Columbia where some Tories disguised as Indians had committed within night time depredations—that they went in pursuit of them to apprehend them—But were unable to do so—that said company & Regt belonged to the militia infantry of the State of New York of the revolutionary army & that they ranged the country & woods & one of the homes of those who were considered Tories for some time & watched nights the homes of the Tories or took suspects of being such when they returned home as near as he can recollect on said 18 day of November 1779--& served for the period last mentioned as a private, that is, from 10th Nov'r 1779 to 18 Nov. 1779.

That he served as a private soldier in the same company & Regt & under the same officers last before mentioned from March 5, 1780 to March Eleventh 1780 for six days as follows. It was reported that a party of Tories had destroyed Some property & buildings along or near the East Side of the Hudson river & that they were disguised as Indians in the now County of Columbia & fears were apprehended & a party of about twenty men of said company together with himself volunteered according to his recollection & a Sergeant & or Corporal (whose name he has forgotten) commanded said party—that they found that some of the Whigs had been plundered & considerable property destroyed--but they after remaining some days scouring the adjacent place were unable to ferret out the Tories & apprehend them—that said Company of Regt were attached to the infantry of the militia of the State of New York of the revolutionary army. That they during this service at Toekawnie stopped some time being a place so called—that he served as last mentioned during the said period last mentioned.—

That he served as a private soldier in the same company & Regt & under same officers last mentioned from April tenth 1780 to April 15th 1780 for five days as follows—that he was ordered out by his officers or volunteered (which one he cannot recollect) that a party of said company about fifteen men under the command of a Mr. Fonda went to a Mr. Isaac Vosburg's house in the Town of Claverack & some miles beyond in the woods & remained there some days when they returned home, after a fruitless search to apprehend some Tories—That he served for the period last mentioned in the manner last mentioned as a private.—

That he served as a private in the same company Regt. aforesaid under the last named officers of the Regt of infantry of the Militia of the State of New York of the revolutionary army from April 17, 1780 to April 30th 1780 for thirteen days as follows—that the greater part of the whole of said company & all of the "Regt that could be conveniently collected the [?] were ordered into this service by some of the field officers—that they were marched in said company commanded by said Van Allen his Capt. & Major Isaac Goes accompanied them to a house in Schodick Kinderhook where there were a strong party of Tories - That a Mr. John Van Valenburgh (as he was informed) gave the information to Major Goes of the Tories beign assembled—that the said company in which he marched & belonged & the rest surrounded the house in the night time & after a skirmish of some time they took thirty Tories or thereabouts prisoners—that they took the prisoners into the Town of Kinderhook where they were tried by a committee--& punished—that he assisted in guarding the Tories until they were disposed of when he returned home—that he resides where he entered last service in the Town of Kinderhook now County of Columbia—that he served for the period last mentioned on said last mentioned tour of service.—

That he served as a private in same company & Regt. & under same officers before mentioned, that is in Capt. Van Allen's Company from May 8th 1780 to May 16th 1780 for Eight days as follows—that he was ordered out by some of his company officers—that a party of about 20 men of said company, together with others from the west side of the Hudson marched after dividing themselves into parties in various directions on the west side of the Hudson River up & down same & with the adjacent parts in order to apprehend some Tories as he understood—that the party of Tories had taken some of the Whigs as prisoners—one of them returned after escaping from the Tories & whom they met on his return—that one Vosburg a Sergeant in said company commanded the said party of men

to whom he belonged—that said company & Regt to which he was attached belonged to the infantry of the militia of the said State of N. York in the revolutionary army—that he resided at the time when he entered on last mentioned tour in the Town of Kinderhook in the now County of Columbia—that he served for the period last mentioned on said last mentioned tour of service.

That he served as a private soldier in said Capt. VanAllen Company under the same officers before mentioned from seventeenth May 1780 to Thirteenth day of May 1780 as follows: That according to his recollection he was drafted with others of said company on a tour of service—that on said 17 May 1780 they were marched under the command of James Wyngart their Ensign from Kinderhook where he entered said service to a small lake called Fish Lake where one of the committee men had been plundered who resided near said lake but whose name he has forgotten that the Tories were pursued into the wood by there & kept concealed—that they watched & guarded such places where they supposed most likely they would appear that he was marched in various directions in the neighborhood of said Lake—that he served on this tour from said 17th May 1780 to said 30th May 1780 for at least thirteen days before they returned home—that said company & Regt belonged to the infantry—militia of the revolutionary army of the State of New York & that he served as a private for the last mentioned period on last mentioned term of service.

That he served as a private soldier in the company & Regt last mentioned under the officers before mentioned of the militia of the State of New York, from the ninth day of June 1780 to the twentieth day of June 1780 for Eleven days as follows—That he was ordered this time by his officers into the service—that about fifteen of said company went also under the command of James Vosburg (8), Sergt, & David Hugernor also a non comm'd officer—that he was marched to a Mr. Van Slyke's in the then Town of Cooksackie in the then County of Columbia - - & thence beyond said Van Slyke' about fifty miles after Tories & searched the houses of the Tories & their barns & wherever it was supposed Tories might be concealed—that they returned home—that when he entered said service he resided in the Town of Kinderhook in the now County of Columbia ins aid State & acted as aforesaid on a scouting party—that he served as a private for last mentioned period on last mention tour of service.

That he served as a private soldier in the same company & regt last aforesaid under the same named officers from first of July 1780 to the fifteenth day of July 1780 for fifteen days as follows—that said company & Regt to the infantry & Militia of the State of N. York of the revolutionary army—that he was ordered into service this time by his commanding officers—that Ensign Wyngart accompanied the company or part thereof on this tour of service—that he resided at the time in the Town of Kinderhook—that the said Ensign & his party went on a scouting tour—that he was marched up the Hudson to where Col. Van Alstine lived & beyond said Col's house up the river to ascertain whether boats crossed the river that they made a stop at the Col's home to rest & refresh themselves—that they were after some Tories—That they marched some considerable distance beyond the home of Col. Van Alstine & marched thro' the posts in the neighborhood to Oak hill—where they remained some days & then marched from Oak Hill South westerly & so continued scouting in pursuit of the Tories who were disguised as Indians until discharged on said 15 July 1780—that some nights they stood guarding & watching all night—that he resided at the time in the Town of Kinderhook—that he served last mentioned period of service on the said tour last mentioned.

That he also served as a private from the tenth day of August 1780 for two days in said Capt. VanAllen's Company in the Regt of Abraham Van Alstine Col. Of the Militia infantry of the said state of the revolutionary Army—that his officers ordered him into this service—that Ensign Wyngart & Sergt Vosburg, officers of said company marched a part of the said company to Newton Hook where one Andrew Witbeck lived & four miles beyond Kinderhook to those places & for what purpose he cannot now recollect—that he resided at the time in the said Town of Kinderhook & served as a private during the period last mentioned on said last mentioned tour of Service.

That he served also as a private in the company & Regt aforesaid whereof VanAllen was Capt & Van Alstine Col & the other officers before mentioned also belonged to said company & Regt as aforesaid from September third 1780 to October 18, 1780 for one month & fifteen days—that he served as a substitute for Abm VanAllen, Andrew VanDerPool & others, in same company aforesaid that he & company were marched from Kinderhook to Fish Kill—that they were stationed at said place principally—that he there saw Capt. Peter Van Rensselaer, Jno. (9) Ten Broek Lieut (10) & Col. Gose VanSchaick (11) he thinks he saw also at said place & & [sic] that he served in said company commanded by his Capt. & other officers of said company & that said Capt. [blot] served this tour of duty & that the militia that went were drafted & volunteered into this service & served last mentioned period as aforesaid. That he served also as a private soldier in the Company of Jas. VanAllen Capt. & Regt of infantry whereof Abm Van Alstine was Col. in the militia of the State of New York of the revolutionary army from March fourth 1781 to March 16th 1781 for twelve days at least—that the other officers of said company & regt he believes were the same before mentioned—That he served said period of time as a private in said company & Regt as follows—that he & a party of about 15 men were ordered by their commanding officers to a place called "Anerum" from Kinderhook as a scout ranging about that place for miles in the woods after some Tories who had

been seen about that place & supposed intended to destroy the property & lives of those friendly to the cause of the Country--& according to his recollection another party of said Company were sent in another direction—that his ensign Wyngart commanded the party to which he belonged—that he served for at least the period above mentioned & when he entered said service he resided in the said town of Kinderhook & served last above mentioned period of time on said last tour of service.

That he also served as a private in same company & Regt & under same officers last mentioned from April 9th 1781 to April thirteenth 1781 for at least four days as follows—that he & others were ordered into service by the commanding officers—that a non-commissioned officer of said company commanded them—that only a part of said company to wit, about 15 men were ordered into said service on a scouting party from Kinderhook where he resided there to a Mr. Close's House who was suspected of being a Tory & that there were others at his house—that they did go there & were in the neighborhood some days & he cannot say which of the non-commissioned officers commanded him & said party. That said Close' house was in the back part of said Town of Kinderhook--& that he served last mentioned period of Service in the manner last aforesaid.

That he served also as a private in same Company & Regt aforesaid under the same officers last mentioned from the tenth day of June 1781 to fifteenth day of July 1781 for 5 days--that said company belonged to the infantry & militia of said State of the revolutionary army & served said period as follows—that his commanding officers ordered him into service together with other of said company consisting of about 20 men of said company on a scout against some Tories or called so, who neglected to do duty—that after searching & watching for them for days, they returned in a circuitous route—that Sergeant Vosburg of said company commanded them—that they did not apprehend any Tories.

That he served as a private soldier in Capt. VanAllen Company aforesaid in the Regt whereof Abm VanAlstine was Col. – that the same officers before mentioned he believes still belonged to said Company & Regt.— that he entered said company as a substitute for one Henry Vosburgh who was drafted—that he served as such substitute in said company & Regt from August 22, 1781 to August 28 1781 for six days at least as a private & that he resided in the Town of Kinderhook when he entered said Service—that it was said that Major Ross at the head of a party of Indians & Tories was on the Mohawk River & that the said company & Regt & infantry or such of them as were drafted or volunteered went up the Hudson river from Kinderhook to Greenbush—that he was marched up with the rest to Green-bush—where they remained a few days & learned that Major Ross (12)was defeated—that they returned home – that Col. Abm Van Alstine with great part of his Regt were with the troops—that he was out at least six days in this tour of service & served as last aforesaid.

That he served as a private in same company & Regt aforesaid under the officers before named belonging to said Company & Regt from May 17th 1782 to May 19 1782—that he resided when he entered on this tour of service in the Town of Kinderhook in the now County of Columbia—That his Capt. James Van Allen ordered him & others on this tour of service—that about twelve men of said company marched [?] the Hudson River about three miles & then returned & marched down said river to Kinderhook landing—thence to the Kinderhook creek & so in a circuitous route home—that a non-commissioned officer of said company commanded them—that he was discharged verbally from this service on May 19 1782--& having served as aforesaid from 17 May 1782 to 19 May 1782 for at least two days as a private – that the party acted during this term of service on a scouting party--& that for the aforesaid several terms of service detailed by him as particularly as he could recollect the same he claims a pension—that he resided before mentioned Services as a private in the militia for the State of New York in the Revolutionary Army – that the aforesaid several services were rendered by him under the orders & authority of his commanding officers—that he has mentioned as particularly as he could recollect that the operators of the corps in each term of service he served—that he did other tours of service sometimes for a day, a night or half a day of which he has rendered no account & cannot set forth the same & for which he expects no pension.—[This particular copy of this deposition ends here.]

End Notes—W.9272—Henry Schram

1. Jeremiah Muller (Miller, etc.) was Captain of the First Company in Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Joachim Muller was the Second Lieutenant in the First Company in the Eighth Albany.
3. John VanAllen was the Lieutenant-Colonel and Richard Esseltyne was the Second Major in the Eighth Albany.
4. Philip Schuyler, Horatio Gates, and Benedict Arnold were Major Generals in the Continental Army.
5. John Burgoyne, General of the invading British Army from Canada. Two major battles were fought near Stillwater; one on September 19 and one on October 7, 1777. Burgoyne surrendered his army on October 17, 1777.
6. Jacobus (Dutch for James) VanAllen, Captain in Colonel Abraham VanAlstyne's Seventh Regiment of Albany County Militia. The following were officers in said company: First Lieutenant Goose VanBuren, Second Lieutenant Peter VanAllen, and Ensign Jacob Wyngard. Jacob is short for Jacobus.

7. Lieutenant-Colonel Philip VanAlstyne and Major Isaac Goes were in the Seventh Albany.
8. Sergeant Jacobus Vosburgh and Private David Hugenin (Huganan, etc.) both of Captain VanAllen's Company
9. Captain Peter VanRensselaer had served in Colonel James Livingston's First Canadian Continental Regiment. He had resigned on December 20, 1779. He was Captain on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
10. John C. TenBroeck was appointed First Lieutenant on November 21, 1776 in the First New York Continental Regiment and appointed Captain on June 29, 1781 in the First New York.
11. Goose VanSchaick was Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment.
12. John Ross, Major of the Second Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and his second in command Captain Walter Butler with a mixed British force attacked settlements in the Mohawk Valley on October 24, 1781 and fought a Battle at Johnstown on October 25, where Major Ross was defeated by an American force under Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett.