

Pension Application for Evert VanAernam

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State of New York

Schenectady County SS

On this seventeenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Evert VanAernam a resident of the Town of Guilderland in the County of Albany & State of New York aged seventy two years and upwards, 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.

He was born in the said town of Guilderland in said County of Albany in said State on the sixth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty two. His age is recorded in the Family Bible kept by his Sister Nancy.

He was living in the City of Albany in the said County of Albany when he entered the service of the United States. He lived there about two years after entering the service & then moved to said Town of Guilderland, formerly called Helderbergh, where he has ever since lived & still lives.

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

In the fall of the year 1776 he was enrolled in a company of militia, commanded by Captain Jacob VanAernam, Lieutenant George Waggoner & Ensign John Aker, belonging to Colonel Philip Schuyler's Regiment. After being enrolled He with the company & Regiment in which he was marched to Lake George, where he performed Garrison Duty, with the Americans stationed there for a term of at least six weeks; at the end of which time he returned home, and was not again called out, until sometime in the summer or fall of the year 1777, when he entered the said Jacob VanAernam's Company in the same said last mentioned Regiment of Colonel Philip Schuyler, with which company he marched to Saratoga in the expedition against Burguoyne [Burgoyne] where he remained performing service in Camp for a period of at least six weeks. During this expedition Burguoyne surrendered himself & army to the Americans.

In the fall of the last mentioned year to the Lower Fort of Schoharie under Capt John Groot, a militia captain where he performed the like Duty as above for at least five weeks or more.

In the summer of the year 1779 as this declarant thinks, under said Capt VanAernam, at the Upper Fort of Schoharie, where a party of Indians made an appearance and threatened an attack, for a period of at least twenty five days.

In the fall of the year 1779 at the Middle Fort of Schoharie under Capt. Jacob VanAernam for a time of at least five weeks.

In the fall of the year 1780 under Captain John Groot at the Lower Fort of Schoharie when Sir John Johnson, Major Ross & the enemy under them made an incursion into Schoharie & made an attack. The celebrated Murphy at this time was at the Middle Fort. After the enemy had committed some ravages they started in

pursuit of them & followed them to Fort Plain in Montgomery County marching through Fort Hunter, Caughnawaga, Stone Arabia & Palatine in the pursuit at this time he performed a service of at least forty days. Of this last mentioned Fort at the period last mentioned Becker commanded as Major & Lawrence Schoolcraft as Adjutant.

In the spring of the last mentioned year under Captain John Groot at Fort Hunter for at least three weeks.

Sometime in the summer of 1781, he was at the Garrison at Schenectady with the encamped troops at that place for at least twenty five days, he does not recollect who commanded him at this time, but recollects that Colonel Schuyler was there. After lying in the Garrison at Schenectady, he was ordered to Johnstown, but did not arrive until the battle with the enemy under Ross & Butler had taken place, when they pursued the enemy for a short distance. He was out at this time about five or six days.

While at Schoharie he was frequently out with small detachments scouting. He has marched through Fort Miller, German Flatts & other places. This declarant has been out to Schoharie & other places at other times than he has specified but is not able to state at what particular times under what officers & for what length of times, yet he claims a pension only for the above specified terms of service as a private to wit, nine months.

The reason why this declarant has made his application in the County of Schenectady is because it is more convenient for him to attend the court of said last county & because his witness Robert Slater resides there.

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: General VanRensselaer & Regiment, Genl Gansevoort, Colonel Willett Y Dubois.

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 those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

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: Thomas Ulsaver & John Westfall.

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) Evert VanAernam

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. J. C. Burnham, Clerk.