

Pension Application for Nathaniel Vannaken or VanAuken

W.6360 (Widow: Mary) Married March 18, 1789. Nathaniel died Jan'y 26, 1835.

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Sussex Pleas

State of New Jersey

Sussex County SS.

On this Fourth day of February in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and thirty four, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting, the same being a Court of Record in and for said County of Sussex, Nathaniel Vanauken, a resident of the township of Wallpack in the County of Sussex aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the army of the United States as a substitute for James Vanaukin in the year 1779 in the fall of the year—that he entered in the company of Capt Moses Cortright (who deserted and became a tory)—1st Lieutenant John Vantila, 2d Lieut Martin Decker, Major Daniel Decker, under Colonel Hatfield, that he entered at Carpenters Point, in the State of New York and marched to Goshen Orange County from thence to NewBurgh and New Windsor the British came up the North (or Hudson) River while we were at New Windsor on s'd River—and we fired at them as they proceeded up the River—they proceeded up the river to Sopus, which place they fired and Burnt and then returned down the river to the City of New York.

We marched form New Windsor to Banks Bridge (called) to the Northard of NewBurgh at which place we were stationed sometime was there until we were discharged and returned home after serving at least two weeks.

That he entered again in the Company of Lieutenant Dewitt under Major Dweitt entered and marched from Carpenter's Point, to Nappennock was there some time then marched up to the Lackawack was stationed there guarding the Indians who annoyed the white Inhabitants of this district of Country very much, by committing their merciless depredations—we had several fights and skirmishes with them. From the last named place we returned back home to Carpenter's point or near there, that he was out and done duty this time forty five days.

That he entered the army of the United States again in the year 1782, for eight months as a substitute for Elijah Vanauken, thinks in April under Capt Abraham Westfall, 1st Lein Steward, Major Dewitt and Colonel Weisenvelt, marched to Peenpack on the Navesink river—from thence to Minisink or Delwware and other places along the River at which we were stationed guarding [guarding] against and repelling the invasions of the Indians, that he was out in this service—and done duty from the s'd eight months—that he then returned to Carpenters Point—

He says that there was a kind of Log fort, at his Fathers House near the Navesink and Delaware rivers—made to guard against the attacks of the Indians—he sys that he was there when a part of ;Indians and Tories attacked it—that no Leader of the Party was the Indian Chief Brant—that the part was defeated with the loss of one

or two of their party—he says that the distrust of country in which he lived was subject to the attacks and depredations of the Indians throughout the war.

He says that he was born on the 19th Dec'r 1764, near Carpenters Point and near the Junction of the Navesink and Delaware Rivers in the County of Orange and State of New York, that there is a record of his age in the family Bible in his possession.

That he was living near Carpenters Point aforesaid at the different times when called into service, that he has lived since the Revolutionary war mostly in Sussex County New Jersey. That he now lives in the Township of Wallpack aforesaid where he has lived for the last thirty two years—that he entered as a volunteer and substitute, when as a substitute for James and Elijah Vanaukin aforesaid. He says he never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence—but that Elijah Vanaukin – can testify to most of his service.

He says that Colonel Jacob Dimon and Daniel Depree can testify as to their belief of his age and reputation as a Revolutionary soldier, he says that there is no clergyman residing in his neighbourhood and that he could not consequently procure the attendance of one before the court who could testify as required by the department.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) Nathaniel Vanauken

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day & year above written. Jos. Y. Miller Presiding Judge &c