

Pension Application for Jaques or Ignus VanBenschoten or Bentschoten

S.23986

State of New York

Dutchess County Ss.

On this first day of October in the year [of] our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said Dutchess County now sitting Ignus VanBenschoten a resident of the town of Pleasant Valley in the said County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid aged Seventy nine years on [?] day of January last past, 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.

That he entered the service of the United States some time in the month of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as a Drafted man in the company of Captain Wilson of the Regiment of Col. Graham was rendezvoused [in] the town of Rhinebeck, in said County of Dutchess and from thence was marched from place to place [?] until they arrived at fort Independence which was situate new Kings Bridge, the fort being then in the possession of the British. The Regiment of colonel Graham was chiefly employed during the time they remained there in scouting parties, was not in any engagements during the campaign except a skirmish with a party of the British who allied out of the Fort and attacked the Americans but [?] but were soon repulsed and drew back into the fort again. This skirmish happened on a very cold night and during a violent snow storm; being [???] from the fort that it was the very night on which General Washington [?] the ground battle of Trenton and took the British & Hessians [?] soon afterwards the company [?] & this deponent returned home, having been on duty for six weeks.

That he entered the service again in the month of June or July 1777. He was then ordered out with the militia in general and was placed in the company of Captain Radcliff, in Col. Grahams regiment.

They were again rendezvous[ed] at Rhinebeck. They were marched through the County of Dutchess to the Highlands, the British forces then being at Peekskill a distance of some fifteen or twenty miles south of the regiment of Col. Graham. They were [?] until the British left Peekskill and marched to New York, leaving him on duty for three weeks, the company were discharged and returned home.

That in the month of May or June 1778 he received the appointment of Second Lieutenant in Capt. Kipps company as by reference to the coming [?] hereto annexed will appear. That in the same summer he again entered the service in what was then called the forty day service. He was place in the company of Capt. Swartwout as Second Lieutenant in the place of Lieutenant Schiver of the town of Rhinebeck in said Dutchess County & from thence the company marched to the town of Fishkill and from thence they marched on the very day that the of Monmouth was fought to West Point on the west side of the Hudson river since after which he was sent as commanding officer of a party detached from the forces to take and transport a number of boats and bateaux to Stony Point for the purpose of transporting the army

across the Hudson. Having done that business, he again returned to West Point and remained there until the company to which he was attached was discharged having been on duty for five weeks.

His next tour of service was in the same summer of seventeen hundred and seventy eight when he again returned to and took the command of Capt Kipps company, the said Kipp then being under on [?] he then held the same office of second Lieutenant but [???] The company rendezvous at Rhinebeck aforesaid and were attached to the regiment of Col. Graham and the regiment was marched from thence again to Fishkill and where they remained for two weeks [???] they were discharged and returned home.

His next tour of service was at the time Burgoine was taken when he went in the [?] of pressed wagons so called with the army to the North. He served in that capacity for three weeks and returned with the army after the taking of Burgoine as far as Esopus in the County of Ulster and was then discharged and returned home to Rhinebeck aforesaid.

He next tour of service was in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, when he entered what was then called the three months as second Lieutenant as aforesaid in Captin VanKlecks Company who refused to go and was he [he was] not sure of his officer. The command of the company [?] in this deponent. They were a part of Col. Grahams regiment and associated with two other companies commanded by Captain s Brown and Vail, and the whole command of the these companies was under Major Hill, and was marched southly through the county of Dutchess to VerPlanks Point, south of the Highlands on the Hudson river when they remained in camped for three weeks. From which they were marched [?] to Fishkill where they remained in camp until the whole force under Major Hill were discharged, having been on duty for three weeks.

His next and last tour of service was in the capacity of second Lieutenant aforesaid and had command of a party of soldiers with orders to search and pursue the tory Robbers, who were in the habit of annoying the whole town by their plunders. The party under his command marched in different directions through the counties of Dutchess and Columbia. They were on duty for two months & were then discharged.

This deponent further says. That from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot distinctly recollect as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods above particularly set forth and in the grades above mentioned. That is to say for six months and three weeks he served as second lieutenant. For three months he served as a common soldier of the Militia.

That he has no documentary evidence and Reuben Nelson of the town of [LaGrange?] is the only person he can now has procure to testify to his services whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

That he was born in the town of Esopus in the said County of Ulster in the State of New York on the second day of January seventeen hundred and fifty four as appears by a record fi his age in his Fathers family Bible.

That he has since the revolutionary war lived and that he now does live in the County of Dutchess.

That he has no recollection to have ever received a written discharge from service but thinks he was verbally discharged at the expiration of each respective term of his service by his commanding officer.

That he is known in his neighborhood by Frederick Tuckerman and Reuben Nelson who can severally testify to his character and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That 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) Ignus Van Benschoten.

Sworn & subscribed to the first day of October 1833 in open court. Henry C. Traver, Clerk