

## **Pension Application for Abraham Van Buren**

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State of New York

County of Rensselaer

City of Troy SS

On this fifth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Mayor's Court of the said City of Troy, now sitting Abraham VanBuren, a resident of the town of Schodack, in the County of Rensselaer & State of New York, aged 73 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated. That he was born in the town of Schodack, (then in the County of Albany), now in the County of Rensselaer aforesaid, on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1759, he has no record of his age; & has lived where he now does, in Schodack always.

In 1778, August 1<sup>st</sup> he enlisted in a company of rangers commanded by Capt. Alexander Baldwin, of which the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. was Lyman Jackson & the 2d Lt. was Martin C. VanBuren; he served as such ranger, in Albany County till November & was then ordered down to the Highlands on the Hudson & went to West Point, & was on duty in the Highlands on the Hudson & went to West Point, & was on duty in the highlands till the last part of Feb'y; was then ordered back to Albany, where the company was divided into two parts, -- the Capt. with one part, going to Ticonderoga, & this declarant going with Lt to Sagandaga [Sacandaga] where he served till the last of May & was then discharged, having served 10 months; he received no written discharge, either this, or any other term, about 1<sup>st</sup> June 1777 he was called out in Militia with Captain Nicholas Staats, & Lt. Philip Staats, in the Regiment of Col. Kilion VanRensselaer commanded by Lt. Col. John Beekman. He marched up to Fort Ann & there met the retreating troops under command of Genl Philip Schuyler; & with them retreated to Green Island, in the Hudson river (just above the present City of Troy) & was then discharged, having served 1 ½ months, received no written discharge; went home, & about the first of August in the same year was drafted for 3 months to march against Burgoyne, under the same Capt. Staats, in a Regiment of 3 months men commanded by Col. Myndert Wemp of Schenectady, Lt. Col. Schuyler, & Major Jacob Schermerhorn. He marched Stillwater & was then present at a battle followed Burgoyne to Saratoga, & was there when he surrendered; was soon taken sick, & was very sick till the term of his enlistment expired, having been then in service 3 months.

About 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1778 he was called out with the militia under Capt. Turner, Lt Martin C. VanBuren, Ensign Hosea Moffat—he marched to Schoharie, and joined a Regiment commanded by Col. Philip VanAlstyne, at the lower fort (Schoharie) soon left the lower fort & went to the middle fort (Schoharie) & joined the regular troops under Col. Butler & remained there till discharged, having served 5 weeks, about 1<sup>st</sup> September 1779 called out with militia under Captain Nicholas Staats, Lt. Obadiah

Lansing & John Ostrander in a Regiment commanded by Col. Vroman, --marched to the middle fort (Schoharie) & served there five weeks & was then discharged.

In spring of 1780 was again called out with the militia in the same company last mentioned, in a Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Beekman, marched to fort Hunter & served there 3 weeks, when part of the men were discharged & this declarant continued in service & marched to Canajoharie & then to a picket fort called by the soldiers fort Snell & was there discharged having served 3 weeks.

In the fall of 1780 he was again called out in the same company & marched to Schenectady & then to Johnstown, then to Fort Plains, then to Little Falls & was there discharged, having served more than 2 weeks.

In fall of the same year, was called out again, in same company & marched to Schenectady, then to Saratoga & was there discharged, after having served 3 weeks. He never had a written discharge & has no documentary evidence. He knows of no living witness he could procure except John A. Ostrander, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. The clergyman of his parish is sick & cannot be produced in court. But the declarant is well known to Abiel Buckman & John A. Ostrander of the town of Schodack, who can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his serving as a soldier of the revolution. He has always resided in the said town of Schodack.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Abraham VanBuren's - mark.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk.