

## **Pension Application for Martin VanBuren**

S.23461

State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this 14th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court in the court of Common Pleas of Oneida County now sitting, Martin VanBuren a resident of said county and state, aged Seventy 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

1. That he was born at Greenbush State N.Y. 1762, has record of age only as he rec'd it from his parents—
2. That he resided at Hoosick Renssellaer [Rensselaer] Co., N.Y. when he entered the service.
3. Lived in Hoosick until a few years since when he removed to Rome, Oneida County, N.Y., Where he has since lived, and where he now lives.
4. That he volunteered in the spring of 1778 at Hoosick aforesaid in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Gerrit T. Bradt in a Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Yates in the N.Y. State Militia—One VanWormer was Lieut of the company—Ensign Jacob VanValkenburgh—and that the company marched from Hoosick to Fort Edward.—Then to Fort Miller, Palmerton and Lake George—and also to Ticonderoga & Crown Point—Capt Bradt staid at Lake George—and the troops that went forward were under the command of Col. Yates—and were absent about one month, and then returned to Lake George, and continued to serve in that region as a soldier for the full term of six months.—and was regularly discharge from Service. That in the year 1779 as he believes—he again volunteered in the militia under Capt. Henry Bruse of said Hoosick and marched again to Fort Miller, Fort Edward and Whitehall and continued in that service, under the said Capt Breese in Col Sickles Regt—for the term of four months and was regularly discharged from said service. In the Spring of 1780 the deponent again volunteered at Capt John VanWormers Company of Militia—Col. Jacob VanValkenburghs Regt he believes. They marched again in the same week to fort Edward, Fort Miller, Whitehall or Skeensborough, and all intermediate region, and continued in service until sometime in the fall of the year, having served the full term of five months—and this deponent was regularly discharged at the expiration of his term of service. And this deponent further says that he was out in frequent alarms against the Indians and tories—but the service was of short periods of two or three days, to a week and ten days at a time—amounting in the whole as this deponent believes and so he therefore states to the full term of 12 weeks.

5. That he recollects in his first tour as officers, Genl George Clinton, Col. Yates, Capt Brown & others. In 1779 & after this deponent has no recollection of any officers except those who were attached & the same Regt to which he belonged.
6. That this deponent never received any written discharge from the service.
7. He refers to B.P. Johnson & Jesse Armstrong, a Mr. Burke, Asa Fellmore, John Tyler, Oliver Greenwood, & others of whom can testify as to his character and reputation. That he has no acquaintance with any other clergyman here as he resides several miles from the village where they preach. He refers to the annexed affidavit of Captain Gerrit T. Bradt as to the service under him and also to the testimony of Frederick Ouderkirk, also annexed—His other Captains are all dead—and this deponent has no personal knowledge of any other living witness to prove his services.

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 with his mark) Martin VanBuren

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Jos. B. Read Dep Clk

Letter in folder dated October 8, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23461, that Martin VanBuren was born in 1762, in Greenbush, New York.

While residing in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, he served as a private in the New York troops, as follows:

From the spring of 1778, six months in Captain Gerret T. Bradt's company, Colonel Peter Yates' regiment; in 1779, four months in Captain Henry Breese's company, Colonel Sickle's regiment; from the spring of 1780, five months in captain John VanWormer's company, Colonel Jacob VanValkenburgh's regiment.

He was also out on frequent alarms against the Indians and Tories, amounting to about twelve weeks.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 14, 1832, at which time he was living in Rome, Oneida County, New York.

There are no data as to family.