

## **Pension Application for Martin C. VanBuren**

S.14756

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.  
State of New York  
County of Albany SS.

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices Court in & for the City of Albany Martin VanBuren aged seventy nine years, now a resident of the town of Coeymans in the county of Albany & State of New York formerly a resident of the town of Schodack & County of Rensselaer who being first duly sworn according to law in open court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

Says that on or about the first day of August 1776 he enlisted as a private for during the war in a company of Rangers commanded by Capt Alexander Baldwin. The first Lieut of the Company was Lyman Jackson & second Martin VanBuren. That all the officers of the company are dead.

That he enlisted at home at Schodack & went to Albany & mustered soon after and went immediately on duty first sent to what was called the Indians fields near what is now the village of Coeymans. Then to Pasaick now Westerlo in Albany County. Then on the east of the river to Canan [Canaan] now in the County of Columbia. Then to Lebanon in the same County. That after serving about three & a half months in said company he was taken sick and at Albany, the Capt told him he might go into the hospital & be taken care of there or go home to Schodack & he went home where he remained sick until about the middle of April 1777 being about five months. That on recovering, his Captain Baldwin, had gone to Canada with part of the company & the Lieut Jackson was at a place called Sacknadaga with a small remnant of the company. That the part so remaining with Jackson came down to Albany the latter part of May & was discharged. That the company being in so broken a state when he the said Martin C. recovered from his illness & expecting soon to be discharged was the reason why he did not again join it.

That in the month of January 1776 he volunteered in the company of Militia commanded by Lieut Comdt Obidiah Lansing (Nicholas Staats the Capt being at the time absent at Boston) and marched to Johnstown under Genl Schuyler and routed a company of Tories who had collected there at a fort & was on duty about ten days at that time.

That on or about the first of July 1777 he was ordered out as a militia man in the company commanded by Capt Nicholas Staats first Lieut Obidiah Lansing & 2 Lieut Philip Staats & attached to the Regt commanded by Lieut Col. John Beekman.

That he joined Genl Schuyler's Army at Fort Edward & retreated with him to Saratoga & was sent home to Schodack by Genl Schuyler to accompany Lieut Philip Staats who was wounded at a place called Snook Kill below Fort Edward. That he the said Martin C. VanBuren was six weeks or 1 ½ months at that time on duty. That during that time he alternately drove a wagon & carried a musket & stood sentinel & mounted picket guard.

That about the 28<sup>th</sup> of August of the same year he again marched in the same company of militia to StillWater to reinforce e the American Army & was on the field of battle as a corps of [?] at the taking of Burgoine & was discharged about the 23 of September after the battle in 1777, having been about three weeks or three fourths of a month in service at that time.

That in the fall of 1778 he went with a detachment from the same company of militia under Philip Staats as Lieut & Capt Robert Woodworth commanded the company to Schoharrie [Schoharie] on a tour of duty for one month to guard the then frontier from the Indians. That the relief company did not come at the expiration of the month & he staid five weeks at that time.

That in the fall of the year 1779 he was ordered out in the same company of militia to Schoharrie where he went & was on duty about ten days when he was discharged. That in the summer, thinks in the month of June, 1780 he went with the same company of militia to a place called Fort Hunter near the mouth of the Schoharie Creek, on the Mohawk, where he staid on duty about three weeks was ordered out to defend the place against the Indians.

That in the fall of the year thinks Sept 1781 he was ordered out in the same company commanded by the same officers & attached to Lieut Col Baeekman's Regt went to Saratoga & thence to Schenectady & was on duty at that time about one month.

That in the fall of of [sic] the same year thinks in the latter part of the month of October he was again ordered out in the same company with the same officers & went to Schenectady & thence to Saratoga where he was discharged & was on duty at that time about three weeks or three fourths of a month.

That he never received any written discharge.

That at the time he was discharged from the company of Rangers in May 1776 his Capt Baldwin was a prisoner in Canada. That previous to the discharge of himself & several others of his company at Albany, the company had been divided & a part had volunteered to go with the [?] to a place called Sabbath day point in or near Canada where they were taken prisoners. The Lieut Jackson died the same season & most of the residue of the company enlisted into the regular service.

That he was in actual service ten and 1/6 months besides the five months he lay [?] home sick attached to the said company of Rangers.

He the said Martin C. VanBuren hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity accept the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state and that he has never been taught to write his name. (Signed with his mark) Martin C. VanBuren

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid by making his mark. J. G. Wasson Clk.