

Pension Application for Isaac Vander Cook

Pension Number Cut Off

State of New York

Monroe County SS.

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court of Chancery of said state before the Honorable Ad[seal covers rest of name] Esquire Vice Chancellor [Chancellor] of the Eighth Circuit Isaac Van Der Cook of the Town of Clarkson in the County of Monroe & State of New York of the age of seventy six years old the 6th day of July 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 some time in the year think[s] in the month of December, that General Burgoyne was taken he entered the service of the United States, was drafted out of the militia, and was marched to Johnstown in the County of Montgomery & State of New York where he remained about one month.

That sometime in the month of April following (think the year 1777) he enlisted into the service for the term of nine months under Samuel Hodge, Captain, and was marched to Lake George in the State of New York, the Regiment to which he was attached was under the command of Col. Ten Eyc and VanDyck, the one was Col. And the other Lieut Col but which was the Col. He cannot now remember, remained at Lake George a short time, then as ordered to Albany and on their arrival at Albany was marched back to Fort Edward on the Hudson River in the County of Washington—State of New York—remained there sometime and then was marched to Fort Ann, on the same River, and in the same County as last aforesaid—and was duly discharged on the 5th day of December 1777.

That in the summer of 1778 he was drafted as a militia man and went to Palmertown in the County of Saratoga & was there during the summer, some eight weeks in all, but whether at one time he now cannot remember.

That in May 1779, he joined the New York volunteers under the command of Captain Henry VanDerHoff, who was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Groesbeck of the County of Albany and was marched to the north on Lake George to intercept the passage of Sir William Johnson [must mean Sir John Johnson] into the County. James Clinton was the commander in Chief of the party – how long he remained in that expedition cannot now remember.

That in the year following he was drafted in the New York Militia for the term of nine months, that sometime in the month of April was marched to Fort Edward on the Hudson River where he remained for some length of time when he employed a substitute for the balance of the time & paid him ten dollars his musket & accoutrements extra pay. The captain name nor the col he cannot now remember.

That he was born in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey the term he cannot remember, & lived there about six years when he moved with Father to the Town of Schaghticoke in the County of Albany in the State of New York and remained there for a great many years, that he moved from that place about thirty years ago to

the town of Johnstown in the County of Montgomery & State of New York and there lived about two years, and from there he moved to Herkimer in the County of Herkimer & State of New York & there remained about a year, from which he moved to the County of Seneca in the Town of Seneca & there lived about one year and then moved to Phelps town in the County of Ontario in the State of New York and there resided about two years. He then moved to the Village of Waterton [Watertown?] in the County of Seneca & there remained about two years and then removed to Casnova Spring near Cayuga Lake in the County of Seneca & there remained about five years, and he then moved to the Town of Canandaigua in the County of Ontario & State of New York where he lived about three years, from which place he removed to the Town of Clarkson in the County of Monroe where he has ever since remained.

That he never received any militia discharge to the knowledge of this deponent. That he has no record of his age and does not know that any of his connexion [connection] has any record of his age.

That he would refer to Gritsean Clark, merchant, Charles E. Furman Clergyman of the Town of Clarkson in the County of Monroe & State New York as persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present—and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Isaac Vander Cook

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 25 day of Oct. 1832. A. Gardinier

Letter in folder dated April 1, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.29520, that Isaac Vander Cook was born July 6, 1756 in Morris County, New Jersey, and when six years old, moved with his father, whose name is not given, to Schaghticoke, New York.

While residing in said place, he served with the New York troops, as follows:

One month, no specific date or officers given; from April 1777, in captain Samuel Hodge's company in Colonel Ten Eyck's or Van Dyck's regiment and was discharged December 6, 1777; in the summer of 1778, eight weeks, no officers given; from May, 1779, three months in Captain Henry Van der Hoff's company, Colonel John Groesbeeck's regiment; from April 1780, three months, no officers given.

After the Revolution he lived in the following places in the State of New York;-- Johnstown, Herkimer, Seneca, Phelps, Watertown, Cazenovia Springs, Canandaigua and Clarkson.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 25, 1832, at which time he was living in Clarkson, New York.

In 1835 he had moved to Michigan where several of his children and grandchildren were living.

In 1835, one William Vander Cook testified in Monroe County, Michigan, no relationship to soldier stated.

The soldier died September 25, or 28, 1838, leaving a widow whose name is not given.