

Pension Application for John Vandervoort

R.10849

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie now sitting John VanDervort a resident in the town of Blenheim in the County of Schoharie and State of New York aged seventy seven years and six months who being 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.

In the year 1775 in the month of April in the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York where he then resided, he enlisted for one year, in Captain William Clark's Company in Colonel Swartwouts regiment, in the revolutionary service. They marched by land from there to New York and took Bedlows Island and fortified Governors Island. He remained in New York in the service till his year was out, that he was discharged there, in the latter part of April 1776, he was in no battle during the year excepting the resistance they met with in taking the Island from the British.

In the year 1776, and soon after he was discharged from the years service, he enlisted again for seven or eight months in Captain John Dustin's Company, in Colonel Swartwouts regiment, he enlisted at Beekman aforesaid, where he resided at the time. That they went to the highlands on the west side of Hudson river and built fortifications there he stayed there till his term of service had expired and was discharged there. Thinks it was in December 1776.

That again in the month of July 1777 he enlisted for eight months at Beekman in Dutchess County aforesaid in Captain Bentley's company, in James VanDerburghs regiment. They marched towards Sarratoga [Saratoga] to join the forces against Burgoyne, but a little below Sarratoga on express sent them that Burgoyne had surrendered; they then marched back to Albany and from there went to Poughkeepsie, by water, and from there they went below white plains [White Plains] near the British lines and joined Colonel VanRensselaers regiment, that during this term of service this deponent was a brevat lieutenant of his company then he continued in the service at that place till his eight months had expired when he was discharged there some time in the month of February 1778.

That in the month of March 1778 he started to go a privateering, went to New London and went aboard of a vessel called Putnam under command of Thomas Allen and Lieutenants Garret & Solston. That this deponent was made quarter gunner, the vessel carried 20 guns. They went to the British channel while gone they took six sail of the British vessels and sent them to Boston where five of them arrived, they were brigs. That he was gone about eight months.

In the spring of the year 1780 he enlisted again for nine months at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in Captain Harry Dodge's company in Colonel Wisenfelts regiment and marched from there to Schenectady and from there to Johnstown now in the county of [Montgomery] in said State that they had received news that the enemy were coming from Canada and that he and six more including an Indian Spy (who turned Traitor) were sent to Stone Arabia & Cherry Valley to make [?] that after 14 days absence they joined the regiment again at Johnstown aforesaid, after he returned in about a month they marched to Stillwater and Saratoga and stayed there till their time was nearly out and then marched back to Poughkeepsie and then discharged sometime about new year 1781.

That the next spring he went out recruiting under a commission for that purpose from George Clinton and went out recruiting every year during the war after that for as much as four or five months each year the commission is lost or destroyed or got out of his possession and he does not know where it is if it is in being.

1. To the first Interrogatory of the Court he answers; that he was born in the state of New Jersey near Kinderhook in the year 1755.
2. To the second interrogatory he answers that he has no record excepting that taken from his father's family bible and entered in his name which is at his house in Blenheim in Schoharie County.
3. To the 3d interrogatory, he answers that he was living in the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York when he was called into the service. That he has lived since the revolutionary war part of the time in Rensselaer county of Albany and that he lives now in the town of Blenheim and has lived there for about thirty four or five years in the county of Schoharie in the State of New York.
4. To the fourth interrogatory, he answers, that he volunteered & enlisted each time into the service.
5. To the 5th the command of the court, he answers, he was acquainted with General George Clinton and General James Clinton, and Col. Lewis Dubois and many others whose names he has forgotten during the time he was in the service.
6. To the sixth he answers that he had some written discharges but they are lost one he thinks was signed by Col. Wisenfelt
7. To the 7th he answers that he is acquainted with the following persona who live in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. To wit, the Rev. Daniel Cornell, Valentine Efner & William H. carrel and others.

Her hereby relinquishes every claim 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) John Vandervoort

Sworn to and subscribed they day and year³ aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard, Jr. Clk.

Letter in file dated March 2, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Vandervoort, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only John Vandervoort, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only John Vandervoort that is found on the paper on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, R.108849, based upon his military service in that war.

John Vandervoort was born in 1755, in New Jersey, day, month, and place not stated. The names of his parents are not shown.

He applied for pension October 3, 1832, at which time he was living in Blenheim, Schoharie County, New York, where he had resided for about thirty-five years. He had previously lived in Rensselaer, Albany County, New York.

He alleged that while living in Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, he served, as follows: From April, 1775, one year and eight months as private under Captains William Clark and John Dustin in Colonel Swartwout's New York Regiment; from July 1777, eight months as second lieutenant in Captain Bentley's Company, Colonel James Vanderburgh's New York Regiment,; from March, 1778, eight months as gunner under Captain Thomas Allen on the privateer, "Putnam"; from the spring of 1780, nine months as a private in captain Henry Dodge's Company, Colonel Frederick Weisenfels' New York Regiment.

The claim was not allowed as soldier failed to furnish proof of alleged service as required by the pension law.

Mary (whose maiden name is not shown), soldier's wife, died prior to July 21, 1852 and the soldier died about 1838.

Their son, William H. Vandervoort, was living in Sidney, Delaware County, New York, in 1852, and there were then other surviving children whose names are not shown.