

## **Pension Application for Daniel Vanfleet**

S.14763

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga & State of New York now sitting Daniel Vanfleet of Owasco in the County of Cayuga in said State aged seventy seven 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That about the first of April AD 1776 then being a resident of the town of Goshen in the County of Orange & State of New York he entered the service of the United States but (the names of his company or field officers he does not now remember) that he marched to a place called fort Constitution on the Hudson River where he was stationed a term of three months that his services constituted of building Barracks & cleaning and making preparations to build fortifications and in performing the necessary duty of guard.

He further declares that about the last of July in the same year he again entered said service in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Tilford as he believes and Lieut Faulkenter for a term of three months that he marched with said company to fort Constitution at and near which place he continued to serve in said company during the whole of said term. That he was employed in building fortifications and in keeping guard during said term.

That he was employed part of the time in building fortifications on the West Point side of the Hudson River—that whilst at said place he saw frequently Gen. James Clinton and thinks that he was under his command during said term. He further declares that very early in the spring of the year 1777 about the month of March as he believes he again entered said service in the company commanded by Captain John Felton or Faulkenter—James Wilkins first & William Rose second Lieutenant and John English Ensign that he marched to fort Montgomery at which place and fort Clinton he continued to serve as orderly Sargeant under the command of Gen George Clinton & James Clinton until fort Montgomery was taken by the enemy on the 17<sup>th</sup> October following, that fort Montgomery was commanded by Gen. James Clinton during most or all said term. That when fort Montgomery was taken he escaped there from and returned home, spent two or three days there and returned to the Hudson River and entered the militia company of Captain Abraham Cudderback where he continued to serve as sergeant over one month as he believes—that his whole term of service during this season was nine months according to his best recollection that during said month the militia were all called out to watch the motion of the British shipping as it sailed up the the [sic] Hudson – that he was stationed

during said month in the vicinity of Newburgh & New Windsor—that the General place of rendezvous was the house of Gen. Geo Clinton between Newburgh & New Windsor.

He further declares that early in the spring of the year 1778 he volunteered to hold himself in readiness to go out in said service upon the frontiers of Orange County during the year. That during the fore part of the season he was under the command of Captain Abraham Cuddeback, and occasionally during the summer and fall under Captain Abraham Westfall, that during said term he was almost constantly in said service as a guard upon the frontiers, in scouting parties and as an Indian Spy and that his whole time was spent as a guard upon the frontiers when not engaged in scouting parties and as an Indian spy.

He further declares that immediately after Minisink was attacked & burned by the Indians and torys under the command of Brandt, a part of the militia of Orange County were collected and he among the number, to pursue them—that he entered the company of Captain Abraham Westfall in Col. Tuston's Regiment and under Major Samuel Meeker and marched with said attachment to the mouth of the Lackawack or Lackawaxen River where they were attacked by the Indians and after an engagement were defeated with considerable loss. That Col. Tuston was killed in said battle—that this was in the month of July 1779.

He further declares that soon after this he was drafted and entered said service in a company of Captain Abraham Westfall as a guard upon the frontiers. That he continued to serve until the commencement of winter a term of about four months.

He further declares that from this time until the close of the war he was frequently in said service as a guard upon the frontiers in Scouting parties and as an Indian spy. That the country was kept in a constant state of alarm by the frequent incursions of the enemy as that the inhabitants attended to no kind of labour except so far as to provide for the actual necessaries of life—that they were accustomed to collect in the Piquet forts along the frontiers for safety and from thence sent out parties to range the woods and give notice of the approach of the enemy, and that he was frequently engaged in said excursions.

He further declares that in the fall of 1776 as he believes he entered said service in the regiment commanded by Major Philips and Col McClaughrey that the name of his company officers he does not now remember—that he marched to Hackensack at & near which place he continued to serve until the following winter a term of about three months—that the enemy lay at Hackensack at this time—which place they evacuated about Christmas—from thence they retreated to the English neighbourhood and from thence to New York as he believes—that he did not return until after snow had fallen. He further says that his memory fails him so that he is unable to state the names of his officers as correctly as he could wish, but that he has named them according to his best recollection—that he recollects the different tours distinctly as above stated and their length.

That he never received a written discharge from said service and has no documentary evidence there f except the accompanying.

That he saw Col Dubois with his regiment at Hackensack—that he saw Gen. Putnam at Fort Montgomery.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Daniel Vanfleet

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asahel Fitch, Judge.