

Pension Application for Abraham Van Houten

S.23046

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this twenty ninth day of November in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] now sitting: Abraham Vanhouten, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in the County of Rockland and State of New York, aged Seventy two years, the seventeenth day of April 1832, 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.

That in the month of March 1776 he enlisted (at a place called New City in the now town of Clarkstown) for three months, in a company commanded by Capt Gilbert Cooper, Coln name he cannot now recollect, and went to New York, to a place called Bunkers Hill and was stationed there sometime, and then the said company returned to the new County of Rockland where he served until his term of service was expired, he then near the first of July 1776 enlisted for five months, in a company commanded by Capt John Blauvelt, John Rumsey first Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Coln Drake Halbert Lieut Coln and Nicholas Fish Brigade Major, went first to New York, then to Long Island, was near Genl Starling when he was taken prisoner, then retreated with Genl Washington's Army, first to New York, then to Kings Bridge, then to White Plains, then we marched to Peakskill, and was there discharged in the month of December following, then in the spring of the year 1777, he enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Coln A. Hawkes Hay, and served that time at Nyack and different places along the river as a guard, then when that tour was expired he enlisted for one month in a company called Major Lee's Core and served that time at different places in the now County of Rockland, then when that term of service was expired, being bound to do Militia duty when not enlisted in a company commanded by Capt Jacob Onderdonk, Presolvart VanHouten Lieut. in Coln Hay [Regiment] aforesaid.

I entered the service in said Company and served therein gaurding and scouting along the river and through the county now Rockland, and the county of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey until the first of April 1778, and was out one half of the time, then on the first of April aforesaid at Nyack in the now County of Rockland, he enlisted for nine month. Served one half of said time in person; & had a substitute for the nine months in a Company commanded by Capt John Bell in a Regiment commanded by Coln Graham, and first guarded a short time along the river, then crossed the river and marched to White Plains and lay near a Regiment of the Continental line, said to be commanded by Coln Wisenfelt, then recrossed the river and marched to a place called the new Bridge, in the county of Bergen, near Hackensack, and lay there until the British army came up and we retreated to

Paramus, and lay there some time and then marched to Tappan Town, and was discharged the first of January 1779, then early in the spring of the year 1779.

I again entered the service under the aforesaid Capt Onderdonk, the militia being then classed. I did the duty of the whole class to which belonged and was out from early in the spring until late in the fall more than six months without intermission, and continued doing duty in the said company when called upon during winter and the next spring until the month of June 1780 and during the said services he was employed in guarding and scouting as a foresaid, that then in the month of June 1780, he enlisted and scouting as aforesaid, that then in the month of June 1780 he enlisted at Clarkstown, in a company commanded by Capt Lawrence, in Coln Dubois Regiment for three months, went to Albany, then up the Mohawk River to Fort Plain then to Fort Stanwix, and after my term was expired through the solicitations of his officers enlisted for one month more and in that month had and [an] engagement with some of the British Army and Indians and after the time was up he was discharged and had to come home in severe cold weather which took him some time, and after he arrived home he again served under the aforesaid Capt Onderdonk until he close of the war but he was not so often called upon to guard and scout as was the case in the first five years of the Revolutionary war and verily believes he served more than one year under the aforesaid Capt Onderdonk, putting all the time he was out on duty together. That he has no documentary evidcence of any of his services, as he does not recollect ever to have received a written discharge, that he has always resided in the now town of Clarkstown where he is well known.

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) Abraham Van Houten

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. In open court David Pye
Clerk