

Pension Application for John Van Houten or Van Houtan

S.---- (Eleonard, Ellen or Helen Van Houten, widow of above soldier, was pensioned as the former widow of Isaac Blauvelt New York. W.18204)

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this twenty seventh day of November—in the year AD 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] now sitting John Vanhouten, a resident of the town of Clarkstown, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, aged seventy three—years, the twentieth day of May—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 on or about the first of August, in the year 1776 he enlisted at Tappan, in a Company commanded by Capt James Smith, in a regiment commanded by Coln Isaac Nicoll of Goshen, and went to New York and then to Kings Bridge where they lay until the British Army came into New York, when they retreated first to White Plains, then to Peekskill, where he remained until the first of January 1777 when his time being up he was discharged and he went home that then early in the spring of the year 1777 he entered the service in a Company commanded by Capt John Bell, Tunis Tallman was then Ensign, and served therein more than half of any time in guarding along the West Shoar of the Hudson River from Closter to Haverstraw, and often on scouting parties through different parts of the county of Bergen in the State of New Jersey until the first of April 1772—Then Capt Bell having received orders to enlist a company for nine month[s].

I enlisted at a place called Nyack in the said Company for nine ;months Tunis Tallman then being the first Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Coln Graham, and first we guarded a short time along the Hudson River, then they crossed the river and marched to White Plains and lay there some time near a regiment of the Continental troops said to be commanded by Coln Wisenvelt then recrossed the river and marched to a place called New Bridge near Hackensack until the British army came there when they retreated and encamped at Paramus, and lay sometime when we marched to Tappan and was there discharged on the first of January 1779, soon after the discharge his aforesaid Capt having again taking command of his company of militia he was again called out on duty and served nearly half of my time in guarding and scouting as aforesaid until the first of March 1780 when he enlisted for nine months at Clarkstown in a company commanded by Capt Jonathan Lawrence in a regiment commanded by Coln Malcom and Major Hughes, and they first went to Albany then to—Schenectady then along the Mohak [Mohawk river to Fort Schuyler, then to Fort Stanwich [Stanwix] near which they had an engagement with the British and Indians and in the month of December was discharged at Fort Stanwich when he returned home, and in the spring of the year 1781 I was again ordered to perform my part of duty in the aforesaid Company under Capt. Bell aforesaid and served herein

guarding and scouting as aforesaid until the close of the Revolutionary War that the time he served under Capt Bell in the different towers [tours] of duty he is now unable correctly to state, but can confidentially declare that it exceeds one year exclusive of his enlistment, that he has no documentary evidence of any of his services as he does not recollect ever to have received a discharge in writing, thad [that] during the war in the town of Orange and since the war he has resided in the town of Clarkstown aforesaid, that he has no documentary evidence of any of his aforesaid services, and the only proof he can offer to prove any of his services is some who served with him in the revolutionary war, that he can name John Lydacker, Peter Smith Esqr, Judge Cornelius I. Blauvelt, and John G. Blauvelt who can testify to his character and veracity & he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for 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 VanHouten

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