

Pension Application for Isaac VanNatter or Vanattor or Vannattor

R.10,878

Declaration in Order to Obtain The Benefit of The Act of Congress, Passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this twelfth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting, Isaac Vannattor a resident of Salisbury in the County of Herkimer and State of New York, aged 75 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted as a militia man in the County of Dutchess and State of New York his place of residence, to old Fort Constitution now West Point, this applicant thinks under Colonel Livingston (1) or Col. Radcliff (2) and in the company of Captain Kipp (3) & Elias Benschouten (4) where he served two months principally in erecting fortifications, laying walls &c. That he was dismissed at the expiration of two months and returned home.

That in the month of December 1776 he was again called into service as a drafted militia man for six months in the company of Henry Humphrey (5) in the Regiment of Colonel Grahams and was marched first to the Nine Partners or Cold Spring where Colonel Graham resided, from thence they were marched to Pine Bridge where they arrived on new year's day. From thence to North Castle where they lay some time and drew arms out of the North Castle meeting house. From thence to the vicinity of Kingsbridge, that whilst there he was in the skirmish and assault upon Fort Independence (6) on Friday in which the Americans failed, that the enemy on Sunday following made a sally upon the American forces and were repulsed and driven back that he was in service this time six months and was then dismissed.

That in the spring of 1777, but what precise month this applicant cannot state he was again drafted and marched to West Point under Captain Peter Westfall (7), and was engaged for three months in digging and preparing a magazine to keep powder in and to secure it from bomb shells &c, the expiration of three months he was again dismissed and returned to Staatsberg, his place of residence in Dutchess County. That he was again drafted about the summer 1777 and marched from Staatsberg aforesaid to Albany from there they were marched to Half Moon Point, and from there to Stillwater where this applicant was in service and remained during the battle of Stillwater and until about one week after the surrender of Burgoyne (8) when the militia were all dismissed. That after they started on this tour a waggon and horses were pressed into service and this applicant was appointed by Captain Abraham S. Kip who commanded the company in which this applicant was drafted to drive said waggon whilst they were on the march. That he served in this tour two months and a half and more. Was drafted for three months, That in the summer or forepart of the fall of 1778 he was again drafted and marched under Captain John Steenburgh (9) from his resident to Fish Kill in Dutchess County and State of New York where they remained two months guarding the Hudson River and were then dismissed. His Lieutenant in this service was Jacob Shultz.(10) His Colonel he thinks was William Radcliff or Radley.

That in the month of August 1779 Stephens Frelich of Staatsburg aforesaid with whom this applicant was living at the time was drafted for six {6} months and this applicant took his place as a substitute and was marched in the company of Captain Hermans (11) of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County in the Regiment of Colonel William Radley or Radcliff of Rhinebeck aforesaid to Esopus in Ulster County, from thence to a place called the Mannbackus towards the Pennsylvania line and in the County of Ulster and State of New York, from thence to Warwarsing in the same county from thence down the Delaware River a long distance to an Indian settlement or town on the west side of said river but the name of which this applicant cannot recollect, that it was a large settlement the Indians in pursuit of whom they had marched had fled leaving their squaws and children there. They passed through a place called Minisink in the County of Orange and State of New York where the Indians had a few weeks before committed depredations burning a number of buildings and a fort. That it was to check these depredations of the Indians under Colonel Brandt or "Brand" (12) as he was called that they were marched down to the Indian Town aforesaid. That they were on this expedition going and returning more than five of the six months for which they were drafted.

This applicant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

1. That he was born at Staatsberg in the County of Dutchess and State of New York in the month of February 1757, as he calculates by his age.—
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That he resided in Staatsberg aforesaid when he was called into service and continued to reside there during the war. That he then removed to the Nine Partners in Dutchess County aforesaid, where he resided twenty five years, that he then removed to Johnstown in the County of Montgomery and state

of New York and resided there eight years, from thence he removed to Salisbury in the County of Herkimer where he has ever since resided.

4. That he was called into service by being drafted at each tour of service above specified, with the exception of the last service against the Indians as above stated, and in that tour of duty he went as a substitute for Stephanns Frelick with whom he was then living.
5. That he cannot recollect what General when they were marched down to KingsBridge and Fort Independence but Colonel Graham was the Colonel, Van Rensselaer's (13) Regiment and Colonel Livingston's Regiment were in the battle of Stillwater and General Schuyler was there, and that he recollects no other officers or troops in the regular service that served with the regiment to which he was attached. That he was at West Point at two different tours of service and was whilst there engaged in erecting fortifications and bomb proofs &c. That he was once marched to FishKill and stationed there to watch the movements of the enemy on the Hudson River. That he was marched to and present at the Battle of Stillwater. That he was marched in another tour to Kingsbridge and Fort Independence which the Americans attempted to storm but did not succeed. And he was also marched far down the Delaware River in pursuit of the Indians.
6. That he never received a written discharge excepting when dismissed after the surrender of General Burgoyne and that the written discharge he then received has since been lost and he cannot find it. That he served as a private soldier in each tour.
7. That he refers the Court to David Potter & Francis Van Nattor of Salsburg.

Persons residing in the present neighborhood who are well acquainted with this applicant and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and as to their belief of his having served in the Revolution.

And this applicant in fact says that he was in actual service in camp, in garrison or Fort on the march or as a scout during the several tours above specified eighteen months and one half.

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 with his mark) Isaac Van Natter.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Julius C. Nelson, Clerk.

End Notes—R.10878—Isaac VanNatter

1. Without Colonel Livingston's Christian name it is not possible to know which one he is speaking about. There is no Colonel Livingston in the First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia Petrus TenBroeck was the colonel.
2. William Radcliff was appointed Captain of the Second Company of the Rhinebeck Precinct of the First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia on October 19, 1775. Radcliff was commissioned First Major on March 18, 1778 in the First Dutchess. Radcliff appears to serve in that capacity until the end of the war.
3. Abraham T. Kipp was appointed First Lieutenant in Captain Radcliff's Company on October 19, 1775 in the First Dutchess. Kipp was commissioned captain on March 18, 1778 in the same regiment.
4. It was Ignus Benschoted who was commissioned as the Second Lieutenant on March 18, 1778 in Captain Kipp's Company.
5. This enlistment was a draft of the Dutchess County Militia Regiments as Captain Henry Humphrey was in the Sixth Regiment of Dutchess County Militia Lieutenant Colonel Morriso Graham was of the First Dutchess.
6. The Battle of Kingsbridge was fought on Friday, January 17, 1777.
7. Peter Westfall was appointed First Lieutenant on October 19, 1775 in Captain Simon Westfall's Company (First Company of the Rhinebeck Precinct (there were a total of five companies for this precinct) in the First Dutchess. Peter was commissioned Captain on March 11, 1776 of the same company and regiment.
8. The first Battle of Saratoga was fought on September 19, 1777. General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.
9. There appears to be no John Steenbergh as Captain in the First Dutchess. However, there was a Captain John VanSteenburgh of the Seventh Company in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of Dutchess County (Men raised from the different Dutchess County Militia Regiments). This detachment list is dated September 10, 1776 at Kingsbridge, N.Y.
10. Jacob Shultz was commissioned Ensign on June 25, 1778 in Captain Kipp's Company.
11. Andrew Hermanse (Hermance) was commissioned captain on March 18, 1778 in the First Dutchess.
12. Isaac is referring to Captain Joseph Brant.
13. Without Christian names it is not known which VanRensselaer or Livingston Isaac is referring to as there were several.