

Pension Application for Samuel VanNetter or VanEtter, VanAtta, Van Adler, Van Etten.

W.18193 (Widow: Elizabeth)
State of New York
Lewis County SS.

On this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Jacob VanAtta of Watson in said County who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that Elizabeth VanAtta of Watson aforesaid is his mother. That his father Samuel VanAtta (or as his father spelled his name Van Etten) died in the year 1815 and that his said mother has remained a widow ever since his death. That his father wrote his name "VanEtten" or Van Netter" but his children have usually written their names "VanAtta", and the name is then usually so written. That his said mother's mind has been so much impaired by reason of old age that she has not been able for a number of months to converse coherently upon any subject & wholly incompetent to make a Declaration to obtain the benefit of the pensions of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1837.

That his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Becker (1) that his said father resided during the Revolutionary War and for sometime after in the Town of Palatine, Montgomery County, New York. That his said father had in his possession since deponents recollection a commission as a Lieutenant in the New York Militia & which has been lost since his father's death.

That this deponent has no record of the ages of his said parents or of their marriage. But that his father if living would be, according to the best information deponent can attain, upwards of one hundred years of age & that his mother's age is upwards of ninety years.

That this deponent has not been able to procure any evidence of his father's services except the affidavit of Jacob Shultz. But that this deponent has been informed that John Reed late of the town of Lowville Lewis County now deceased and Peter Suts late of this county drew pension under the act of 1832 for services under his said father and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Jacob Vanatta

Sworn & Subscribed before me the day & year above written.

L. Knox, Justice of the Peace.

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On this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Jacob Shultz of Watson in said County and aged Seventy Seven years who being duly sworn doth depose and say that during the Revolutionary war he resided in the Town of Palatine in the County of Montgomery and State of New York and that he was well acquainted with Samuel VanAtta during the time of the Revolution and that he was during the said war and for sometime previous well acquainted with Elizabeth VanAtta the then wife of the said Samuel VanAtta, late a resident of the Town of Watson in the County of Lewis and State of New York. That the said Elizabeth and the said Samuel lived together as husband and wife before the Revolutionary War and this deponent verily believes they were lawfully married. That he saw the said Elizabeth frequently during the Revolutionary War and that she had three or four children which were born before and during the war. And this deponent further says that from the year 1777 to the year 1802 [sic] he this deponent served as a private under the said Samuel VanAtta as a Lieutenant in the company of New York Militia commanded by Captain Henry Miller (2) & Captain Fox. That he this deponent was allowed a pension under the act of 1832 for upwards of one years service under the said Lieutenant VanAtta and this deponent knowing to said VanAtta having served all the time that this deponent claimed in his the deponents Declaration on file at the War Department in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Klock in the Militia aforesaid. But that said VanAtta was in the service of the United States from 1777 to 1803 [sic] much more then this deponent , but that this deponent cannot specify the periods & length of service which said VanAtta rendered except when this deponent served under him nor can he specify the period & length of service in each instance when this deponent served under & with said VanAtta with precision but that the same or specified in his declaration on which deponents pension was granted & in his supplement affidavit or particularly as this deponent can recollect the same and this deponent further states that John Reed late of this county deceased and Peter Suts (3) late of this County drew pension under the Act of 1832 for services rendered under said VanAtta as a Lieutenant as this deponent has been informed & believes.

And this deponent further deposes that he served under Lieutenant VanAtta in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Klock in The New York Militia in the Company Commanded by Captain Miller & Captain Fox not less than the periods mentioned below. In 1777 fifteen days in 1778 one month in September & October in 1779 one month in July and August in 1780 one month & eight days. The above Service was rendered under Captain Fox in the regiment aforesaid he also served with and when Said VanAtta in 1781 three months and fifteen days in August , Sept. & October also in November & Dec. of same year one week and a half months in 1782 three and a half months in Summer & fall two months. The service was under Captain Henry Miller in the Regt aforesaid and this deponent further says that said VanAtta (4) served at least one year in addition with above service.

That said VanAtta lived at the time of entering into the service at Palatine Montgomery County New York at the time of entering the service aforesaid and that he served as a volunteer that said VanAtta died upwards of twenty years ago & that since his death said Elizabeth has remained a widow.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 20th day of April 1837 & I certify that I am personally acquainted with the deponent & that he is a reliable witness. Amasa Dodge, A Judge of Lewis Coun. Cts.

End Notes—W.18193—Samuel VanNetterw/

1. Samuel and Elizabeth Bekker or Becker were married on October 1, 1769. Book of Marriages of the Stone Arabia Dutch Reformed Church, page 187. Elizabeth died May 17, 1837.
2. Samuel was appointed Ensign on August 26, 1775 in Captain Christopher W. Fox's Company which was the third company, in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He was appointed second lieutenant on March 4, 1780 in place of Henry Miller who had been promoted to first lieutenant. On September 29, 1780, Captain Fox was promoted to major. Miller was then promoted to captain and Samuel was promoted to the first lieutenant.
3. Jacob Shultz, John Reed and Peter Suts had served as privates in Captain Miller's company.
4. A few pensioners claim that a Lieutenant VanEtta was one of the first militiamen to cross the Mohawk River to the south side and informed the gathering troops of the defeat of Colonel John Brown on October 19, 1780 at the Battle of Stone Arabia.