

Pension Application for Albert VanOrden

S.42576

United States of America.

State of New York

City and County of Albany. TO WIT:

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America, passed March 18th, 1818, entitled "An Act of provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," [sic] the following DECLARATION, in writing, is made under oath by Albert VanOrden of the Town of Coeymans in the County of Albany in the State of New York before the Honorable Samuel Harris, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Albany in the said state, which Court is a Court of Record of the County and State, in which the said Albert VanOrden doth reside, that is to say:

DECLARATION:

I Albert Van Orden (1) aged sixty nine years in December of the Town of Coeymans in the County of Albany in the State of New York on this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen,--Do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear and declare, that I served against the common enemy in the Army, in the War of the Revolution, until the end thereof, on the Continental Establishment and that I am a resident Citizen of the United States, to wit, in the Town County and State aforesaid; and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support.—*I do further swear and declare*, that I served in the said Revolutionary War, in the capacity of, and being a private soldier that I belonged to the Army, to wit, I belonged to Captain Parsons (2) Company Col. VanSchaick's Regiment and New York Line— That I entered the said service the twenty fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven and left in the Eighth or Ninth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty three in the manner following to wit: I left it by reason of the conclusion of the war-----That I received one document concerned the same service and discharge, which has been casually lost or destroyed. That I was in the Battles of Conrwallis (3) & several skirmishes (4) and that there is no other evidence in my power to my knowledge, concerning matters depose by me than John Salisbury who has bade a deposition accompanying this declaration—*And I further declare*, that in pursuance of the requisitions of the aforesaid Act of Congress, I do hereby freely and absolutely, and to all intents and purposes, relinquish all claims to any Pension under any of the Laws of the United States, except the Pension contemplated to be allowed me under the Act of Congress aforesaid mentioned, and under which this Declaration is made.

In witness of the truth of this declaration, I have subscribed the same in present of the said Judge, and have solemnly deposed to the truth thereof, on the day herein before, for that purpose, specified. (Signed) Albert Van Orden (5)

Sworn before me, this fifth day of June 1818. Saml Haring, Judge of Albany Com. Pleas

[In his later deposition in 1820 proving his need, Albert stated the same facts and in addition stated that he had no property of any description either real or personal except his wearing apparel; that he was by occupation a blacksmith and his ability to pursue his occupation "is impaired on account of the Phthisie and debility of my constitution—I have no family."]

End Notes—Albert VanOrden – S42576

1. Albert enlisted as a private on October 24, 1776 for "During War" in Captain Andrew Finck Jun'r Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaicks' First New York Continental Regiment. He is listed on the muster roll as VanNorden. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-`783, series M-246, Roll 65, Folder 8, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Captain Charles Parson in the First New York. Albert served in different companies at different times as officers changed.
3. The Yorktown Virginia Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his British troops.
4. He mentions several skirmishes but the First New York was in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778. This was a major engagement between the American and British forces.
5. Albert didn't mention it but he enlisted on February 28, 1776 in Captain David VanNess's Company as a private in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Continental Regiment of 1776. On this muster roll he is listed as VanOrden. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, Folder 163, National Archives, Washington, D.C.