

## Pension Application for Adam VanPatten

S.17168

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Adam VanPatten a resident of the town of Rotterdam in said County & State, aged about 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He was born in the town of Westina within the township of Schenectady in the County of Schenectady (then Albany) in the State of New York on the seventeenth day of November 1757.

He has no record of his age, but that of his baptism is in the Register of Baptisms in possession of the Dutch Church Schen'y. When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in said town—and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place & in the County of Montgomery and he now lives in the town of Rotterdam aforesaid.

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

Early in the year 1776 he was enrolled in Captain John VanPatten's Company of Militia in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. (1) His other company & field officers whom he recollects were Tunis Swart Lieutenant, Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors. (2)

The claimant served in said company of Captain VanPatten under one engagement until the end of said war.

The town of Westina where he resided when he entered said service being a frontier one, it was of consequence continually exposed to incursions from the Indians & Tories. This town had a fortress at which the members of said company were required to mount guard continually. The claimant in common with the other members of said company mounted guard at said fortress. Besides mounting guard as aforesaid he was often called out to distance posts and passes in more immediate danger of attack. During these troublous times and not entertaining the most distant idea that he would ever be called upon to give an account of the particular periods of time he was engaged in these expeditions & services in the cause of liberty and his country, he kept or made no memorandum thereof. He cannot therefor possibly specify these periods nor yet all the expeditions & tours of duty in which he engaged. The principal of these which he now recollects were as follows.

In the month of September 1776 he marched to Fort Edward & was there engaged in garrison duty about three weeks and at Fort Ann about 14 days.

In the fall of the year last named the enemy under Sir John Johnson being expected to make a descent on the country about Johnstown, he was called out to that place & performed duty there about one month.

In the last of June, or the beginning of July 1777, he was called out to fort Edward, and served with the American Army during the retreat of General Schuyler, (3) for about two months—was then taken sick with the camps distemper & permitted to go home being unfit for military duty.

He has performed garrison duty at the middle fort in Schoharie on two occasions, he thinks in the year 1778, for the term of about two weeks each.

He served on many occasions as a scout to Sacondaga & the precincts of Westina aforesaid.

He served with a detachment that guarded General Schuyler to German Flatts when the enemy under Sir John Johnson destroyed the settlements on the Mohawk river.

He was several times in pursuit of a noted Tory by the name of Joseph Bettis.

(4) He was on a tour of duty at Sacondaga & was there engaged with some troops under General Clinton in erecting fortifications.

He performed one month's service at Stone Arabia under Captain John Mynderse (5)—about three weeks at Half moon Point under Ensign Ephraim Snow. (6) One week at Caughnawaga--& one month in the Quarter Master's service at Fort Ann. The whole period he was out in actual service exceeds twelve months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Arnold, Gates, Schuyler, Gansevoort, Colonel VanDyck, Col. Willett (7) & all the officers of Colonel Wemple's Regiment aforesaid.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. [left blank]

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) Adam Vn Patten

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk

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1. Captain VanPatten's Company was in the Second Regiment of Albany County Militia. The following were the officers on October 20, 1775: Colonel Abraham Wemple, Lieutenant-Colonel Jacob Schermerhorn, First Major Abraham Swits, Second Major Nicholas Veeder, Adjutant Arent N. VanPatten and Quartermaster John Peck. On June 20, 1778 the following changes were made and the officers were

commissioned: Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Yates, Second Major Myndert M. Wemple, Adjutant John VanDriesen and Quartermaster Christopher Peake.

2. Captain VanPatten's Officers on October 20, 1775 were First Lieutenant Cornelius Mabey (Mabee, Mabie, etc.), Second Lieutenant Simon F. VanPatten and Ensign Daniel Toll. On June 20, 1778 the following changes were made: First Lieutenant Teunis Swart and Second Lieutenant Philip Veeder.
3. Major General Philip Schuyler.
4. Brigadier General James Clinton in April of 1779 had ordered a blockhouse to be built at Sacondaga to protect the inhabitants from raiding parties coming or going to Canada. In April of 1779 there had been several raids into what was then Tryon County.
5. Captain Mynderse (Myndertse, Mynderson, etc.) of the Second Albany.
6. Ephraim Snow was appointed Ensign on March 21, 1776 in Captain Garret S. Veeder's Company in Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop's Fourth New York Continental Regiment (March-November of 1776).
7. Major Generals Benedict Arnold and Horatio Gates, Lieutenant-Cornelius VanDyck of the First New York, Lieutenant-Colonel Marinus Willett of the Third New York (1776-1780), Fifth New York (1780), New York State Levies 1781-1783.