

Pension Application for John D. VanPatten

W.18187 (Widow Wyntie)
B.L.Wt. 9430-160-55

John died 24 Oct. 1835, private in Company of Captain Van Duzen, Col. Wemple's Regt. NY Line for 9 mos. & 14 days. Wyntie applied for bounty land under the 1855 act and stated she was 99 years of age. Isaac Groot in a later deposition stated in his deposition he was present at the marriage of John and Wyntie in 1772 and that they were residents in the town of Niskayuna and married by the Reverend Barent Vrooman, minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada.

State of New York
County of Montgomery SS.

On this nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for said county now sitting John D. VanPatten a resident of the town of Glen in said county, aged seventy nine 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 7th June 1832.

He was born in the then town of Norman's kill in the county of Albany in said State, now town of Rotterdam in the County of Schenectady on the fourth day of January 1753—His age is recorded in the register of baptisms kept by the reformed protestant Dutch Church in the City of Schenectady. . . . When he entered the service of the United States, he lived in said town of Norman's kill at the close of the year 1776 he removed with his family to, and has since the revolutionary war lived in Guilderland in said County of Albany, and now resides in the town of Glen aforesaid. . . . He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was called into service in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the company of militia whereof Abraham Oothout (1) was the captain. His first Lieutenant was John Roseboom second Lieutenant Nicholas Barheydt, Ensign Cornelius L. VanSantvoort, in the regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Abraham Wemple & Myndert Wemple & Abraham Swits Majors. (2) He served in said company for the term of two years, then having removed to Guilderland as aforesaid he enlisted for the term of nine months in Captain Jacob VanDusen's (3) company in the New York line, and served in said company at Ticonderoga and Skeenesborough under the command of Major Hay or Hale, and was employed at those fortresses with artificers in building boats and cannon carriages for the use of the American Army and in erecting fortifications.

He was at Ticonderoga in service as aforesaid when that fortress was invested by Burgoyne and was thereupon evacuated by the American Army.—after he had completed his term of service in said company of Captain Jacob VanDusen, he enlisted in the company of militia that came within his beat, to wit—the company commanded by Captain John Groot (4), of which company George Waggoner (5) & Derick Hamestreet were Lieutenants, the names of the colonel of the regiment and of the other field officers he does not recollect.

He continued to serve in said company of Captain John Groot until the end of the revolutionary war.—He was marched through Schoharie, Canajoharie, Stone Arabia, Fort Hunter, Caughnawaga, Saratoga, Fort Edward, Ticonderoga, Albany and Fort Stanwix, was at the destruction of Schoharie (6) and Cobleskill, (7) and he was at the surrender of Burgoyne (8), and has performed garrison duty at all of the above mentioned places except Albany and Cobleskill at what particular periods and how long each time, he performed military duty at each of the above places he cannot possibly recollect; but he knows that in addition to the nine months service as above specified he was on actual duty as a scout, in garrison and in the field and in guarding different posts and passes at least for the term of one year. . . . He recollects Colonel Dubois (9) of the State Levies, General VanRensselaer (10) and General Gansevoort (11), Colonel Cornelius VanDyck (12), Philip Schuyler(13) & does not recollect any others.

He has no documentary evidence but can produce the testimony of Cornelius VanDyck, Simon A. Groot and John DeGraff who can testify to his services. . . . He never received any written discharge from the service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, viz. Teunis Ostrander & Henry Davis.

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) John D. VanPatten

Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

State of New York
County of Schenectady SS.

Simon A. Groot of the City of Schenectady in said County being duly sworn and examined doth depose and say that he is well acquainted with John D. VanPatten referred to in the preceding deposition of John DeGraff and Cornelius VanDyck—that said John D. VanPatten served with this Deponent in the company of Captain Jacob VanDusen, which company with several others were under the Command of Major Hale of the New York line at Ticonderoga & Skeensborough & were employed at those posts during the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in erecting fortifications, and building boats & other vessels for the American Army—that said John D. VanPatten served with this Deponent as aforesaid for the term of about seven months to wit, until the month of July, in the year aforesaid when said fort of Ticonderoga was evacuated by the American troops—how much longer said John D. VanPatten served, and in what other companies, this deponent cannot say. But although he has no

personal knowledge of the other military services of said John D. VanPatten yet he has no doubt but that he served for the different terms in his declaration set forth, said John D. VanPatten having always been reputed and believed to have been a true and faithful soldier during the whole war of the revolution and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Simon A. Groot.

Subscribed & Sworn this 30th August 1832, before me John Worden, Justice of the Peace

State of New York SS.

On this thirty first day of January 1837 personally appeared before Samuel W. Johnson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada in said state Wyntie VanPatten a resident of the town of Glen in the County of Montgomery in said State of New York, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836; that she is the widow of John D. VanPatten who was a soldier in the army of the revolution and received a pension under the act of 7 June 1832, of eighty dollars per annum.

She further declares that she was married to the said John D. VanPatten on the fifth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and seventy two; that her husband the aforesaid John. D. Van Patten, died on the twenty fourth day of October 1835 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Wyntie VanPatten.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me said Judge. S. W. Jones

Schenectada, Nov 27, 1839.

J. L. Edwards Esq, Commissioner of Pensions. War Department, Washington DC.

Sir.

The application of Wyntie VanPatten widow of John D. VanPatten has been sleeping in your office more than two years. Mr. VanPatten during his life time received a full pension; but when his widow applied it was said that his claim had been admitted on insufficient evidence. His services were rendered partly in the militia & partly in the Quarter Master's Department—If reference be had to the militia service alone, I think it very probable that at the most not more than 8 or 9 months services can be established. But Mr. VanPatten served in the Company of Captain VanDusen as will be seen by reference to his original papers on file under the act of 7th June 1832. I beg leave to call attention to this point; which must have been overlooked in deciding upon her claim. This was the same service for which many pensioners have received certificates; e.g. Wm. Van Benthuisen, Simon A. Groot &c and I only ask that the same justice be extended to Mrs. VanPatten which others receive.

I am very respectfully your obt. Serv't. G. F. Yates

End Notes—John D. VanPatten—W.18187

1. Captain Abraham Oothout (Oathout, etc.) with company officers as stated were all commissioned on June 20, 1778 in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Abraham Swits was the First Major and Myndert M. Wemple was the Second Major. Both were commissioned on June 20, 1778 in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
3. So far no muster roll for Captain VanDeusen's Company has been found. Colonel Undney Hays served in the Quartermaster's Department. This company would not be considered part of the New York line which were Continental Soldiers.
4. Captain John Groot (Groat, etc.) was in Colonel Philip P. Schuyler's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia. Captain Groot and the following officers were commissioned on June 22, 1778: First Lieutenant—Barent Myndersen; Second Lieutenant—Levy VanAaken; Ensign—Dirck Hemstreet.
5. Actually John Groot had served as the First Lieutenant and George Wagener as Second Lieutenant in Captain Jacob Van Aernam's Company in the Third Albany. When Groot was commissioned Captain, Wagener was commissioned the First Lieutenant in Captain VanAernam's Company.
6. The Schoharie Valley was destroyed on October 17, 1780 by Sir John Johnson. Detachments of the Third Albany were in the Lower and or Middle Forts.
7. Cobleskill was destroyed on May 30, 1778 by Captain Joseph Brant.
8. General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777 at Saratoga (present day Schuylerville, NY).
9. Lewis DuBois had been the Colonel of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment until he resigned on December 22, 1779. Colonel DuBois was then appointed Colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies on July 1, 1780.
10. Robert VanRensselaer was appointed Colonel in 1775 of the Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia. He received his commission on February 25, 1778 as colonel. He was appointed Brigadier General on June 16, 1780 of the Second Brigade of Albany County Militia.
11. Peter Gansevoort was appointed Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776. When the First and Third New York Regiments were consolidated on January 1, 1781, Colonel Gansevoort was deranged (discharged). Gansevoort was appointed Brigadier General on March 26, 1781 of the First Brigade of Albany County Militia. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck had resigned because of infirmity.
12. Lieutenant-Colonel Cornelius VanDyck was appointed on November 21, 1776 to serve in the First New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Goose VanSchaick. He served in this regiment until the end of the war.

13. Philip Schuyler was appointed Major General in the Continental Army on June 19, 1775. He resigned on April 19, 1779.