

## **Pension Application for John Van Sante or VanZantt**

S.17172

State of Indiana

County of Park[e] SS

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1842 personally appeared in open court, before John R. Porter Circuit Judge and Eliphalet Allen and Robert Mitchell Associate Judges in and for the Park Circuit Court in the County and State aforesaid now seting [sitting] John Vansante a resident of Reserve township county and state aforesaid aged seventy years and four months, 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> 1842.

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

That some time in the summer of 1777, in the township of Hoosick, county of Ranselaer [Rensselaer] State of New York he volunteered himself as a militia man under \_\_\_\_\_ Johnston (Captain) and served a tour against Genl Burgoine, in which he went to Fort George, thence retreated down to Fort Edwards on the Hudson River under Genl Schuiller [Schuyler?] thence retreated down to Fort Miller towards Albany, then retreated to Sarrytoga, [Saratoga] thence retreated to Still Water or Beamis's Hights where a battle was fought against Burgoine in which said Vansante was engaged thence pursued Burgoine to Sarrytoga [Saratoga] where he said American Capt retreated to Genl Gates, thence returned home, Genl Arnold was also at said battle—the other officers not now recollected, [?] said Vansante served in said tour three or four months.

Some time in the month of March or April in the year 1778 in said township, county and state said Vanscout was drafted to serve a nine months tour. When he was drafted Fermel Parmer was his his [sic] malitia captain, but when drafted was not placed under him, and was sent down to Albany where \_\_\_\_\_ Price a Justice of the Peace lived the drafted men for a nine months tour; which he and the others drafted men were put aboard of a sloop and sent to Newburough [Newburg] on the North river, where they landed, thence went, under some leader his name not recollected by the way of the Moravian town and Bethlehem to the Valley forge where they joined Washington's army and was attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment commanded by Col. Courtland, [Cortland] Lieut Col. Missenfelt [Wysenfelt?] and Capt Wright who was his captain in said regiment, and Genl Clinton; thence marched to Monmouth where he was engaged in a battle sometime in June 1775, thence marched to the town of [Nornpton?] in New Jersey, thence to Brunswick, thence to Kings ferry, thence to White Plains where he remained with the Army during the residue of the summer at which place, as he recollects were Col. [Banscoik? VanSchaick?] and [?], and in the fall Col. Courtland's Regiment to which Vansante belonged, marched up to Peek's kill or Continental Village near the Highlands in state of New York; thence marched to [?] in said state for winter quarters and to guard the frontiers against the Indians where said Vansant remained until the expiration of his said nine months tour when he was

discharged and which discharge was signed by said Courtland and Misenvelt which was retained some time by said Vansant but has long since been lost.

Said Vansant was discharged sometime in the spring of 1779—Said Vansant knows of no person by whom he can prove his said services and that he had no documentary evidence of said services. Said Vansant made in substance the following statements to the questions propounded by the court to wit.

That he was born at Fishkill, Dutchess County, State of New York in the year 1762; he has no record of his age; he lived when he entered the said service in said township of Hoosick, Rensaler [Rensselaer] County State of New York; after the revolutionary war he remained in New York, thence removed to the state of Indiana where he now resides; he was called into the service as above stated; he cannot in regard to the officers and troops with whom he served and the regiments make other statements than those he has above stated, his memory having much failed him as he states. He states that John Underwood and William A. Chatfield esqr are persons who are known to him in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 as he knows. (Signed) John VanSante

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. For Walker Ria, Clerk  
M.L. Pierce.