

**Pension Application for Abraham Vansices or Vansees or Vansese**

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

On this twentieth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Joseph L. Richardson, Asabel Fitch, Augustus F. Ferris & Gersham Moulter, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga now sitting Abraham Vansices a resident of the town of Conquest in the Court of Cayuga and State of New York aged sixty eight 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, 1832.

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

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Bonker and Lieutenant Cornelius Sandford in Colonel Wemple's Regiment of militia in which regiment were Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Oathout, Major Abraham [Swartz?] in the month of June in the year AD 1779 as he thinks and at the time of the destruction of Cahinaugua [Caughnawaga]. Was called out with the whole of the militia and went to Cahinaugua and was out about two weeks and was discharged and returned home to Schenectady at which place he resided at that time and at which place he entered the service as aforesaid.

That he entered the service of the United States again the last of July of the year AD 1779 under aforesaid named officers and was discharged in the last of August thereafter that he entered this service at Schenectady aforesaid at which place he then resided. That he went on this service of Fort Plank went as a volunteer and was gone from home about a month.

That he again entered the service of the United States under the afore named officers at Schenectady aforesaid at which place he then lived upon the whole Regiment being called out—in the month of September AD 1779 and were marched to Balstown [Ballston] was from home about a half month and was discharged.

That he again entered the service under the afore named officers except the Colonel & Colonel Willet of the Continental line as he now thinks took the command. That he whole Regiment was called out at this time which was in October in the year AD 1779. That on entering this service the Oneida Indians who were friendly and had joined the forces under Colonel Willet requested that he should go with them and with the permission of his officers, he volunteered to go with them and marched to Johnstown at which place had a skirmish with the hostile Indians & Tories followed them through the German Flatts—crossed the Browhawk River then back through the Royal Grant [?] and West Canada Creek from there returned back to Schenectady and were discharged and was out about a month that he lived at Schenectady when he entered the service there.

He again entered the service of the United States in the forepart of the year AD 1780 as a volunteer. That Colonel Wemple gave orders to the friendly Indians to go out on a scout to the North towards Canada and the Indians requested that he should go with them and made the same request to Colonel Wemple that he (this claimant) should go with them and Colonel Wemple requested that he should accordingly he went and in his way passed thorough Balstown. Where Plattsburgh now is an down lake [Lake] Champlain and about that lake and returned home to Schenectady in the month of August following and was out from home little over [Two?] months. The principal object that he understood from the officers for the expedition was to take one Joseph Bettis a notorious spy and Tory but when the Indians got out they went further & longer than was necessary from the obtaining the object of it could have been don then but he did not take him.

That in the latter part of August of the year AD 1780 he again entered the service of the United States under the aforesaid militia officers at Schenectady aforesaid at which place he lived that he entered as a volunteer and remained in this service till the close of the war in the year AD 1783—

That by an agreement as he now believes of the officers a certain number were to be raised by a draft or by volunteers to go out from Schenectady when called and do duty at home when not [?] that he volunteered as one to go out on service and to do duty at home when not abroad.

That it was the order of the draft on consequent to be ready for any alarm to go at a draftee or to do service at home and by the arrangement those who did not go abroad on service were to do service at home when the others were out.

That he was mustered into service according to the arrangement and put into actual service by equipping drilling and doing duty constantly from day to day but was permitted to lodge at home and board at home when not from Schenectady or on guard were obliged to be at a given place at roll call daily and drill and when at Schenectady were employed in building picket redoubts block houses & other fortifications and when out from said Schenectady were out on scouts against the Indians and Tories and as a spy of the Indians movement that when he went out on scouts Lieutenant Sandford usually took the command of the party or company out while the captain took command at Schenectady.

That while in this last service went to Beaver dam on an alarm and took 20 Tories--went to Norman's Creek to dislodge the Tories--went on same business to Balstown and took twenty two and was out on various and frequent excursions against the Tories and as an Indian spy –

That the whole of his time was employed in the service of the United States from the time he entered this last summer til the close of the war except it may be one or two months before he was discharged. That the community was in constant fear of Indians and Tories—which required the exertions of soldiers to keep of.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except the testimony of Wessel Cornue—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Vansese

M S. Myers Clerk for P. M. Myers D'y Clk