

### **Pension Application for Christian VanValkenburg or Valkenburg**

W.15810 (Widow: Catharine)  
State of New York  
City of Hudson SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1837 personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Hudson & the Justices thereof Catharine Valkenburg of the town of Clermont in the County of Columbia & State aforesaid aged Eighty four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of Christian Valkenburg who was a Lieutenant & Quartermaster (& the same individual named in the annexed Commissions) in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Lieut. Col. Henry Livingston & of which Peter R. Livingston (1) was Colonel when her said husband was Lieutenant in the company of Capt. Philip Smith. (2)

That she was married to said Christian in the year of 1777 in the month of May she thinks. Her said husband held a commission of some kind before her marriage & was out in service at the north before said marriage, in said regiment she thinks six weeks & after her marriage her said husband was out & absent in the service several times—She recollects he left soon after marriage & was gone till about the time of her confinement with her first child—he came home at that time & before she was well he left her again & was absent some time. This service was also at the north. He was also in service with General Putnam (3) at one time but how long she can't say & in the year 1780 & 1781 he was absent in service at the north twice while he was quartermaster (4), but how long she can't say—she further says that by reason of old age & infirmity, she cannot state any of his service with any great particularity than as above. That her said husband died in the year 1813 or 14 & she has remained a widow ever since. (Signed with her mark) Catharine Valkenburg

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written in presence of Andrew Hover & in open court -- P. Dean Carrique

State of New York  
Columbia County SS.

Barent Sipperly being duly sworn says that he resides in Germantown in said County & is now seventy nine (79) years of age, that during the Revolutionary War this deponent belonged to Capt. Tealer Rockefeller (5) company in Col. Peter R. Livingston's Regiment - That he was well acquainted with Christian Valkenburg the husband of Catharine Valkenburg—that said Christian belonged to Captain Smith company in said Regiment--& was a Lieutenant in said Company & afterwards quartermaster of said Regiment—That said Christian was out in service with this deponent in the spring of 1776 & marched as far as Greenbush were they stayed two weeks & were discharged—This he thinks was in June & said Christian he thinks was Sergeant or First Lieutenant—again in the latter part of 1776 & fore part of 1777 said Christian was in service with this deponent at Fishkill for two months—said Christian was a Lieutenant in the company of Capt Cline or Kline (6), But he does not recollect the colonel's name—They were drafted for this service--& he thinks it was the latter half of November all of December & half of January following—

Again in the summer & fall of 1777 said Christian was in service at the north with this deponent for three months or more—They went to Fort Edward in July, the said Christian being Lieutenant in said Smiths Company— They were on the retreat before Burgoyne & were at the battle of Saratoga (7) & discharged soon after the surrender of Burgoyne (8). They were out in actual service at this full three months—Again said Christian was out in service with this deponent at Schenectady Ballstown & Saratoga about six weeks in the fall of 1780 or 81. The Indians & Tories had burnt several buildings at Baltown (9) & this expedition was on that account—said Christian Valkenburg was on this service quartermaster of the Regiment—and this deponent thinks said Christian Valkenburg performed much other service, which he cannot now specify—and this deponent further says that said Christian was married to Catharine Minkler in the fall of 1775 by the Revd Mr. Cock & this deponent was at the wedding & saw them married—That said Catharine is now the widow of said Christian who died in 1812. (Signed with his mark) Barent Sipperly

In presence of Jonas Dinegar.

Words "& saw them married" written on erasure & sworn before me this June 26<sup>th</sup> 1838. J. W. Fairfield  
Comsr [commissioner] of Deeds.

End Notes—Christian VanValkenburg - W15810

1. Peter R. Livingston was Colonel of the Tenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Henry Livingston was the Lieutenant-Colonel in the same regiment.
2. Philip Smith was the Captain of the Eighth Company in the Tenth Albany.
3. Major General Israel Putnam of the Continental Army.
4. Christian was commissioned as the Second Lieutenant in Captain Smith's Company on; May 28, 1778. He was commissioned the Quarter Master of the Tenth Albany on September 28, 1780. Petrus Wynkoop who had been the Quartermaster had moved.
5. Teil Rockefeller was the Captain of the Tenth Company in the Tenth Albany.
6. Conradt Klyne was the Captain of the Fourth Company in the Tenth Albany.
7. The Second Battle of Saratoga was fought on October 7, 1777. This is the battle that Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck's Brigade of Albany County Militia fought in under Major General Benedict Arnold.
8. General John Burgoyne surrendered his British forces on October 17, 1777.

9. Balls Town (present day Ballston Spa, Saratoga County) was destroyed on October 17, 1780 by British troops and their Indian Allies under Captain John Munro of the King's royal Regiment of New York.