

## **Pension Application for Bernard VanValkenburg**

S.11637

State of New York, County of Columbia SS.

On this day to wit the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said county now in session Bernard VanValkenburgh of the Town of Chatham in said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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.

In the fall of 1776 does not recollect the month thinks the month of November this applicant with the regiment then commonly called the Kinderhook Regiment was called out or Drafted to go up the Mohawk river to repel the aggressions of the Indians in the then Tryon County 60 or 70 miles from Albany. On this expedition this applicant served under the following officers and was bound to duty six weeks—the officers were Andrew Whitbeck—Colonel—Harman VanBuren Major—Lambert Burgert Capt.—Isaac VanValkenburgh first Lieutenant – John Van Alstyne 2d Lieutenant –Andress Whitbeck Jnr ensign—(1)

The following spring was drafted to go to Lake George to protect a large quantity of provision proceeded as far as Albany—was ordered to return and was kept on duty in and near the village of Kinderhook for the purpose of carrying into effect the orders and requisitions of a committee appointed to examine persons suspected of Toryism—take oaths of allegiance &c—Served three months on this expedition.

This applicant further states that he was left on duty as a minute man with the rest of his company who would volunteer during the summer and fall of 1777 except the time of service as above stated for the purpose of scouring the country for Tories for the space of two months at different times and served under the command of John VanAlstyne Lieutenant—William and John Scott were serjeants during these scouting expeditions which extended through the county principally.

During the time of service as stated in the 2d description Abram VanAlstyne was Colonel and Isaac VanValkenburgh Capt John VanAlstyne first Lieutenant. (2)

A few weeks [sic] previous to the taking of Burgoyne (3) this applicant with several others of this company volunteered to take provisions to the troops there engaged in the bloody conflict at Saratoga was absent three weeks and returned home after the surrender of that army.

This applicant further sets forth that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person (except those whose certificates is hereto annexed) whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Answers to the Interrogatories &c

1. This applicant was born in the Town of Kinderhook (Then) County of Albany and State of New York in the year 1755.
2. He has no record of his age.
3. When called into service, lived in the Town of Kinderhook aforesaid—has lived there ever since except the last ten years during which time he has resided in the adjoining town of Chatham.
4. This applicant was drafted to go the expedition up the Mohawk river—Drafted to go to Lake George – Volunteered to go on Scouting parties—volunteered to go to Saratoga.
5. The names of the officers who were with the troops where he served were those before mentioned, according to his best recollection. The Regiments this application remembers were those of militia—to wit Kinderhook, Canaan, and Claverack. Does not recollect the names of the officers of the two latter.
6. Never received a written discharge from service.
7. The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are Martin VanDeusen, Peter Groot, and James VanValkenburgh. (Signed with his mark) Bernard VanValkenburgh.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk.

End Notes—Bernard VanValkenburg—S11637

1. The officers for the Seventh Regiment of Albany County Militia were appointed in 1775 as follows:

Colonel Andries Witbeck  
Lieutenant-Colonel Barent VanDerPool  
First Major Lawrence Goes  
Second Major Cornelius VanSchaick  
Adjutant Isaac VanDerPool  
QuarterMaster John D.Goes

On September 5, 1776 Harman VanBuren was appointed Major and was commissioned on October 30, 1778.

The officers of the First Company were:

Captain Lambert Borghart  
First Lieutenant Isaac P. VanValkenburgh  
Second Lieutenant Johannes J. VanAlstyne

Ensign Nicholas Kittle, Jr.

Andries Whitbeck, Jr. was not found as serving as an Ensign in this company. He was listed as serving as a private.

2. On April 2, 1778 the following officers were commissioned for the Seventh Albany:

Abraham VanAlstyne as Colonel

Philip VanAlstyne as Lieutenant-Colonel

Isaac Goes as Major

The officers for the First Company on the same date are as follows:

Captain Isaac P. VanValkenburgh

First Lieutenant Johannes J. VanAlstyne

Second Lieutenant William Vosburgh

Ensign John VanHousen

3. General John Burgoyne invaded New York via Lake Champlain—Lake George to Saratoga in 1777. The Americans were under Major General Philip Schuyler until August. Major General Horatio Gates took command of the North American Army in August.