

Pension Application for Francis VanValkenburgh

W.19,571 (Wife: Sylvia or Sylva)

Copy of Family Record

Nobletown, Columbia County New York.

Francis VanValkinburgh born December 25th 1755 inlisted in the American Army in the Revolution in Second New York Regiment under Col. Philip Countlon, Capt. William Pell Discharged June 7th 1783.

Sylva Coval born the 18 day of October 1765-78.

Francis VanValkinburgh and Sylva Coval was married September the 11th 1784 marriage took place before Elden Smith Published three times in Nobletown in Columbia County. Zachuis Vanvalkinburgh was born May 9th 1785. Michael Vanvalkinburgh was born January the 28 1791. Elizabeth Vanvalkinburgh was born June the 9th 1793. Hannah Vanvalkinburgh was born Feb. 24th 1796. Sylva Vanvalkinburgh was born May 11th 1798. Isaac Vanvalkinburgh was born April 14, 1801. Amy Vanvalkenburgh born Feb 6th 1803. Polly Vanvalkinburgh born January 19th 1806. Francis Vanvalkenburgh deceased March 19th 1813.

Sylva Vanvalkinburgh says or near as she can recollect Francis Vanvalkinburgh inlisted the second year of the war thinks he was during the war does not recollect all the battles or engagements he was in was at Stillwater at the taking of Bogoine was discharged June the 7th 1783. I kept his discharge till several years after the war delivered to a man to see about his bounty land her husbd died and she did not gait the discharge again says his capt that he served under name was William Pell and Colonel Phillip Countlon. Philip VanCortlandt is not able to attend court in person. Jan y 25, 1844.

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of New York

County of Erie SS.

On this fifteenth day of July AD 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the court in and for said County, Sylva VanValkenburgh a resident of Holland in the said county aged Seventy eight 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 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Francis VanValkenburgh who as a soldier in the war of the revolution; that her said husband the aforesaid Francis VanValkenburgh served in the war of the revolution as a soldier of the New York line; that he served under Capt. William Pell, Col. Philip VanCortland (1) or Courtland, that he enlisted for during the war, that he was in the battle of taking Burgoine, Saratoga, (2) that he continued in the service till the 7th June 1783 (3), when he was honorably discharged, that this deponent had often seen the discharge that her said husband drew a lot of bounty land in the County of Onondaga, as this deponent believes, and near Skaneateles Lake; that her said husband was called by the Dutch, Francis Fralick, Zochum VanValkenburgh, but his real name was, as above stated; she further declares that she was married to the said Francis VanValkenburgh on the 11th day of September 1784, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty four, that her husband the aforesaid, Francis VanValkenburgh died on the 19th day of march 1813, eighteen hundred and thirteen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz, at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Sylva Van Valkenburgh.

Subscribed and sworn to on the day and year above written below. Bela H. Colegrove, a Judge of Erie County.

End Notes—Francis VanValkenburgh—W.19571

1. Francis enlisted as a private for "during war" on January 10, 1779 in Captain Peter VanRensselaer's Company in Colonel James Livingston's First Canadian Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 133, Folder 223, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

On January 7, 1781, the New York Continental Regiments were consolidated from 5 into 2. The several Additional Continental Regiments and the two Canadian Continental Regiments were also consolidated. Men who enlisted from New York were put into Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second Continental Regiment. We was assigned to Captain Samuel T. Pell's Company and served in this company until he was discharged.

On some of the muster rolls in the First Canadian and the Second New York he is sometimes listed as Van Wahlenburgh, VanWalkenburgh, etc. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 68, Folder 29 (Pell's Company 2 NY), National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. It appears that Francis was serving in one of the Albany County Militia Regiments during the Saratoga Campaign of 1777. So far Francis had not shown up on muster rolls but they are far from complete. I did find a Francis VanValkenburg enlisted on Mary 5, 1778 in Captain Jonathan Pearsee's Company for nine months in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. He was discharged on February 5, 1779. It appears to be another Francis as the pensioner Francis enlisted on January 10, 1779 into a Continental Regiment but it is possible that he had been recruited and served out the first enlistment and then joined the First Canadian. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1780, Series M-246, Roll 71, Folder 55, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. The Second New York was in the Yorktown Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.