

Pension Application for Evert Van Vranken

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State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, now sitting Evert Van Vranken, a resident of the town of Clifton-park in said County, aged seventy-six years and upwards, 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Niskayuna in the then County of Albany in said State on the six day of August 1756. He has at present no record of his age.

When called into service he was living in said town of Niskayuna—has lived there since the revolutionary war, and now lives in the town of Clifton-Park aforesaid, which was formerly a part of said town of Niskayuna.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the year 1775 he was enrolled as a private in Captain Nanning Fisher's Company of Militia in the Regiment of Colonel James Van Schoonhoven. His other company and Field officers were Nicholas P. VanVranken. Lieutenants [—] Gordon, Lieutenant Colonel & John Taylor & [—] Mitchell Majors.

He served under different engagements every year of the war—buy the most of his services were rendered during the three first years of the war. It is entirely out of his power to specify the particular periods, and the names of all the different officers under whom he served besides those of the company to which he belonged. The most prominent expiditions [expeditions] in which he engaged, were was near as he can recollect them, as follows.

He did military duty for about a month with the American troops encamped at Lake George in the year 1776; on which occasion Governor Clinton was there. He was also this year in service at New Lebanon and at Johnstown, after the surrender of Sir John Johnson.

In the beginning of the year 1777, he was at the surrender of Burgoyne—also previous thereto he was in service with the American forces at and below Stillwater. He was nearly a month at Cherry valley he thinks in the year 1778 previous to its destruction by the Indians and Tories—In the fall of the year 1778, one third of the militia of this state being ordered out, he was among those that were stationed at Fort Paris in Stone Arabia.

As the settlements in the neighborhood where he resided were constantly exposed to sudden attacks of the enemy, military posts were maintained along those settlements. He was day after day and night after night almost every month on duty with small parties of militia (who took turns at this service) to guard these posts. He was at Ballston about the time Genl Gorden was taken prisoner by the enemy in the

year 1780 & was then under the command of Major Mitchell. He was often out as a scout, and with small reconnoitering parties to places infested with tories, when he went as scout to Jessup's patent, he remembers he was under the command of Captain Jesse Toll—but cannot distinctly recollect the names of the other officers who had command of the other expeditions in which he engaged except on one occasion when he procured a substitute for a short time under Captain John VanDenBergh, he performed his military duties whenever called upon & honestly thinks, that his different terms of service when added together will exceed a period of one year.

In addition to the officers whose names are herein before given, he recollects Lieutenant Bontis, Colonel Marinus Willett, General Ten Broeck & General Schuyler under whom he served.

He never to his knowledge received any written discharge from the service.

The following are the names of pensions to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier in the army of the revolution, to wit, William Shepperd, Matthias swain & Clergyman.

He has no documentary evidence, but can produce the testimony of his Lieutenant Nicholas P. Van Vranken, and of John Mackintosh one of the corporals of his company.

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. (Signed) Evert Van Vranken

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year first aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer, Clerk