

Pension Application for William Van Wart

S.46650

State, City and County of New York SS.

On this eighteenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the Justices of the Marine Court of the City of New York in open court now sitting William Van Wart of said City; 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 is aged seventy four years on the eleventh day of January last past according to a church record, a copy of which is now in his possession.

That he was born in the City of New York. That in the year 1774 he with his fathers family removed to Tarry Town in WestChester County. That he lived there when in December 1776 he first volunteered in the service of the United States, that he then joined Capt Sybert Acker's company, Colonel Hammond's Regiment of militia raised in WestChester and served in that company on the lines in WestChester about and not less than four months.

That in the Spring (the month of April) 1777 he enlisted in a company raised by said Acker to serve three months, and served out that period, in the same kind of duty on the lines. That immediately thereafter and he thinks it was in the month of July 1777 he again enlisted for four months in a company raised by said Acker in Col. Ludingtons Regt of NY State troops and served out the said four months on the lines.

That in the month of March 1778 he volunteered under said Acker and took Lieutenant Althouse of the British Army with 25 men prisoners and carried them up to West Point. That soon after in April 1778 he again enlisted in Capt'n Sackett Company in Col. Graham's Regiment N.Y. State troops for a year, and served nine or ten months in the same on the lines in said county, when said Regiment having almost destroyed by death and enlistment into the Continental Army, being then quartered at Young's house, the house was stormed by a party of British Refugees, under Major Bearmore their provisions were burnt in the barn and next day being Christmas the remainder of the Regiment was disbanded and he was discharged.

That in the Spring of 1779 he again volunteered in his old militia company under Acker and on the 3d of June 1779 being in a skirmish with a body of British horse and infantry was taken prisoner carried to New York and confined in the old Sugar house until the end of August in that year when he with 183 other prisoners were exchanged & he returned home.

That in the Spring of 1780 he again enlisted in the Continental service in Captain Jonathan Knopp's Company for a year for the purpose of guarding and tending the boats on Kings ferry on the North River and continued in that service for more than a year.

That on the 19th day of October 1781 being out on a scouting party on Croton River he was again taken prisoner carried to New York and confined in the old Sugar house until he was again exchanged and sent home in the latter part of June or July 1782.

That he has always since the war resided in the City of New York and has been for more than fifteen years the Captain of the watchhouse of said City.

That he has no written documents to prove any part of his services but that he had with him in court Mr. Samuel Youngs, Mrs. Joseph Earl and Mr. John Wright who can testify to a personal knowledge of his services. That he is well known to Recorder Riker Aldeman Peters & Ireland, General Morton and many other residents of this City who will if required testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Wm Van Wart.

Sworn and subscribed in open; court the day and year aforesaid. J. H. John Barberie, Clerk

Letter in folder dated June 26, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of William Van Wart is furnished herein as found in pension claim, S.46650, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William Van Wart was born January 11, 1760 in New York City, the names of his parents not given. He moved in 1774 with his "father's family" to Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York, names of family not stated.

While residing in New York City, William Van Wart volunteered sometime in December 1776, served three or four months as private in Captain Seaybert Acker's company, Colonel Hammond's New York regiment. He served in 1777, about four months in captain Seybert Acker's company, Colonel Ludington's New York Regiment. He served in 1778, about ten months under Captain Sackett, Seybert Acker, and Daniel Williams in Colonel Graham's New York regiment; Abraham Van Wart was lieutenant in this regiment at this time. He enlisted in the spring of 1779, served in Captain Seybert Acker's company, Colonel Hammond's New York regiment, on June 3, 1779 in a skirmish with the British, he was taken prisoner carried to New York City and held in the Old Sugar House until exchanged the last of August 1779. He enlisted in the spring of 1780, served one year in Captain Jonathan Knapp's company, guarding and tending the boats at King's ferry on the North River. He enlisted early in October, 1781 in Captain Seybert acker's company, when out on a scouting party, October 19, 1781, was again taken prisoner and carried to New York City and held in the Old Sugar House until exchanged in June or July 1782.

The soldier, William Van Wart, was allowed pension on his application executed July 13, 1834, then living in New York City, where he had lived since the Revolution, and had been for "more than fifteen years, Captain of the Watchmen of said city".

He died in New York City, May 12, 1842.

His son, Samuel B. Van Wart, on October 12, 1832 gave his address, 74 Grover Street, New York City.

On March 27, 1855, the following heirs of the soldier were referred to—his daughter, Anna Van Wart aged seventy-two years, then the widow of Isaac Van Wart; his son, Lawrence Van Wart aged fifty-eighty years; his daughter, Louisa Van Wart

aged forty-five years; and Lavinia Van Wart, aged sixty-four years, then the widow of this son, Samuel B. Van Wart.

Mason and Henry van Wart were both residents of New York City in 1855; it is not stated that they were related to the family of the soldier. The name of the soldier's wife is not given, nor is it stated that the Lieutenant Abraham Van Wart referred to herein was a relative.