

Pension Application for John Van Woert

S.14758

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS

On this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two before me, Herman Knickerbacker first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, personally appeared John van Woert a resident of the town of Pittstown in said County and State aged eighty two 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 said act.

That he this deponent on the 20th day of February 1776 (Then John Van Woert Junior) was duly commissioned as second Lieutenant in a company of militia as stated in the annexed commission & that he then entered the service of the United States at Albany N.Y. and continued to serve in the war of the revolution from and after the date of said commission continually until the fall of 1781. That he served as said Lieutenant in the Company mentioned in said commission until the 16th April 1777 when this deponent was employed by Elisha Avery their Deputy commissary of [?] as aforesaid deputy commissary until October 1777 & then received from the said Elisha Avery the certificate hereunto also annexed. And the orders received from the said Deputy commissary general are also hereunto annexed.

That from and after the 18th of October 1777, this deponent was employed by Jacob Cuyler Deputy Commissary general of purchases. As assistant deputy in which capacity this deponent served & acted from and after the times last aforesaid until 1781 & according to the best of this deponents recollection & belief in the fall of the said year 1781 all of which will appear from an inspection of the within vouchers & certificates annexed.

That during all the time this deponent acted as assistant commissary this deponent was promoted the pay of Captain and as this deponent supposed ranked as Captain and was paid as Captain that his pay was in continental money from which their deponent received little or no benefit.

This deponent further says he was born at Albany in the month of May 1750 according to a record of his age. That he has in his possession in addition to the vouchers & certificates annexed a great quantity of accounts & memorandums of his services. That this deponent has no recollection of ever receiving a written discharge. That he knows of no person near this deponents residence who was in the service of the United States with this deponent now living. L That he this deponent is too aged & inform to attend Court for the purpose of [?] his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John van Woert

Sworn to & subscribed the day of and year aforesaid before me. H. Knickerbacker first Judge of Rensselaer Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated September 21, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of September 14, in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Joseph Abbot or Abbott, of Woodstock, Connecticut, born February 27, 1743, married Persis Perrin born July 4, 1742 and who died January 23, 1817, while the soldier died January 26 1813, also of John Van Woert who died October 5, 1836.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found on file based upon the service of the Joseph Abbot or Abbott as described by you.

You are furnished herein the record of John Woert, [Van Woert] as found in claim for pension, S. 14758, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Van Woert, Son of John Van Woert, was born in May 1750, in Albany, State not designated.

He entered the service in Albany, New York, on February 20, 1776, was commissioned 2nd lieutenant of Captain Jacob J. Lansing's 4th Company of Militia of Foot, 3rd Albany County, Battalion; on April 16, 1777, was appointed assistant deputy commissary under Deputy Commissary of Issues, Elisha Avery, served until October, 1777, and on October 18, 1777, was engaged as assistant deputy under Deputy Commissary General of the Purchases, Jacob Cuyler, and served until the fall of 1781.

John Van Woert was allowed pension on his application executed October 13, 1832, at which time he was residing in Pittstown, Rensselaer county, New York.

He died October 5, 1836, in Pittstown, New York, leaving no widow, but the following children: Wilmire, wife or Royal Abbet or Abbot; Hybertin or Hybertine Van Voert; Carolina, wife of John D. Brown, both residents of Renssaler County, New York in 1844.

The name of soldier's wife is not stated.