

Pension Application for Cornelius Vedder

R.10946

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
State of New York
County of Wyoming SS.

On this Nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Wyoming aforesaid now sitting Cornelius Vedder (1) a resident of the Town of Attica in the County of Wyoming and State of New York aged eighty one 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.—

That in the forepart of May in the year 1776 he entered the service as a volunteer at Albany in the State of New York for the term of one year.—he did not join or unite with any company or Regiment but volunteered under Aaron Van Doozer (2) at Albany aforesaid and the next day after he so volunteered at Albany he was put into the magazine room or laboratory to making cartridges in Albany aforesaid under the said Aaron VanDoozer and David Fundy who superintended the making of cartridges—he drew his rations out of the store owned by Jeremiah Wendell and John Fisher was quartermaster. He worked at making cartridges in Albany aforesaid for the term of one year which was the forepart of May 1777 and was then discharged but received no written discharge. He was discharged by the said Aaron Van Doozer—

Then the next day after he was so discharged he volunteered again under the said Aaron Van Doozen but for no particular period and continued on making cartridges at Albany aforesaid for the term of five months longer from the first of May 1777 till the forepart of October 1777—That he served in the last period the full term of five months and was then in the fore part of October 1777 discharged by the said Aaron Van Doozer but received no written discharge—That he served in the whole just one year and five months as above stated at Albany aforesaid in making cartridges for the United States—

That he was born in Albany aforesaid on the thirteenth day of March in the year 1760—

That when he was called into service he lived in Albany aforesaid—That since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Brunswick New York, Canajoharie, Decatur, Schoharie County, Cato New York and that he now lives in Attica aforesaid.

That he was called into service as a volunteer—Colonel Van Schaick's (3) Regiment was stationed in Albany when he was in the service—He was acquainted with the said Colonel and Abraham Teneyck (4) his paymaster—He also knows Colonel Willett (5) and Colonel Gansvoort (6)—That he never received a written discharge—That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he does not know of any person – who is living by whom he can prove his service—The names of the persons in my neighborhood to whom I am known are Conrad N. Spencer, Josiah Smith, Ephraim Whaley and Salmon Wheat who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution—That his name was called every day and generally by the said Aaron Van Doozer and when he was absent, the said David Fundy called the roll and this declarant answered to his name every day—That a guard was kept around the building night and day and his name was on the roll of the said Aaron VanDoozer—That he belonged to no regiment (7) as he ever knew for he was never embodied in any regiment to his knowledge as his whole business was in making cartridges as aforesaid.

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. On reflection he thinks he can prove part of his services by living witnesses. (Signed with his mark) Cornelius Vedder

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. N. Wolcott, Clerk.

End Notes—R.10946—Cornelius Vedder

1. There are two different Cornelius' in this application. Cornelius Vedder applied for the pension and Harriet Zielly the widow of Cornelius Veeder applied for her late husband's bounty land.
2. This service is in the Quartermaster's Department and was considered as a civilian working for the government and not military duty. This is probably why his application was rejected.
3. In May of 1776, Goose VanSchaick was the Colonel of an un-numbered Continental Regiment. On November 21, 1776, VanSchaick was appointed Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment.
4. Abraham TenEyck was appointed Second Lieutenant and Pay Master on November 21, 1776, in the First New York.
5. Marinus Willett was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776.
6. Peter Gansevoort was appointed Colonel of the Third New York on November 21, 1776.
7. A Cornelius Vedder served also in the Second Regiment of Albany County Militia commanded by Colonel Abraham Wemple. It is not known if it is the same man at this time.