

Pension Application for John Vedder

W.18219 (Widow: Sarah)

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 SS:

On this tenth day of October 1838, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada, in said state, Sarah Vedder, a resident of the City of Schenectada in the county of Schenectada aforesaid aged seventy three 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 John (or Johannes) Vedder who was a private in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain John Van Patten (1) in the Regiment of Col. Abraham Wemple and also in the Company of Rangers, Commanded by Capt. John A. Bradt (2), but the particulars of the service of her said husband, she this Declarant is unable to give from her own personal knowledge.

And she further declares that she was married to said John Vedder by the Rev'd Derick Romeyn the pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada, and that her maiden name was Vedder.

She further declares, that she was married to the said John Vedder (3) on the twenty-eighth day of January (1786) in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six; that her husband, the aforesaid John Vedder died on the twenty third day of December 1823 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) Sarah Vedder

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before the Judges aforesaid in Open Court. Arch. Campbell, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Deposition of John VanEps of the town of Amsterdam in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York aged seventy four years, and a pensioner of the United States under the act of 7th June 1832, who testifies & says, that sometime in the latter part of the summer or fall of the year 1776, he remembers that John Vedder, the same person whose widow Sarah & with whom this Deponent is well acquainted, enlisted in the company of Rangers commanded by Captain John A. Bradt in the Continental Service in the County of Albany in said State—and he this Deponent often & on many occasions saw said John Vedder on duty as a private in said company in the winter of that year & in the spring of the year thereafter viz 1777—but this Deponent cannot say for how long a term said John Vedder served in said company, but thinks the company was disbanded in the summer of 1777—That he this Deponent had an opportunity to become acquainted with the services of said John Vedder from the circumstance that said John Vedder was the uncle on the mother's side of him the said Deponent—This Deponent remembers also & was personally acquainted with John Bt. Marselus (4) the Lieutenant & Walter Swits the Ensign of said Company.

And this deponent further saith, that he is also well acquainted with Sarah Vedder the wife & now widow of said John Vedder and knows that since the death of said John Vedder, she has remained single and unmarried, and is still unmarried—and that said John Vedder died about eleven years ago.

And this Deponent further saith, that he remembers being on duty at Stone Arabia in company with said John Vedder to wit, in the month of October 1779 for a tour of one month at the least—John Mynderse a Captain in the Regiment of Col. Abraham Wemple, then had the command of Fort Paris where they did duty at said Stone Arabia. (Signed) John VanEps

On this 4th day of September 1838, personally appeared before me the undersigned, John VanEps above named to me well known, who made oath, that the facts set forth in the above deposition by him; signed, are true, and I certify that said John VanEps is a credible witness. A.A. VDDM, a Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—W.18219—John Vedder

1. John's name does not appear on Captain John VanPetten's Third Company of Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County certificate list. His name does appear on Captain Thomas Wasson's Company certificate list of Colonel Wemple's Regiment. He had one note No. 66 for £ 1..6..8. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 170, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Captain John A. Bradt's Company of Rangers was raised for nine months unless sooner discharged by the Provincial Congress. The company was authorized to be raised on July 23, 1776 by the Provincial Congress. The company was discharged on March 27, 1777. On Captain Bradt's Roll of who received powder and lead balls dated Oct'r 10, 1776, John received "1/2 lb powder 1 1/2 lb Leaden Bullets". On another roll "Muster Roll of Capt John A. Bradts Company of Rangers" dated October 3, 1776 is the following—John Vedder Junr size 5 ft 9 in, Brown Hair & well set Particular Marks—blank, when enlisted Sept. 17. On another roll dated 1776 Oct'r 3d, "Rec'd from Capt John Bradt the sums annexed to our names being in full the half Bounty and full Subsistence money to this Date" Signers name—John Vedder Junr. Half Bounty Full subsistence money. Total £--5 £ 1..4..3 £6..4..3 FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, Folder 81, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Jacob VanVechten, Pastor on August 31, 1838 certified the marriage as January 28, 1786 according to the Register of Marriages Book of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada.
4. Originally John B. Marselis and John Jost Sidney were appointed as first and second lieutenants in Captain Bradt's Company. On August 22, 1776 Second Lieutenant Sidney declined the appointment and Jacob Jno. Lawyer was appointed in his place. On November Walter Swits was appointed Second Lieutenant in Bradt's Company as Lawyer had resigned.
5. Captain John Mynderse or Mynderson of the Second Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.