

## Pension Application for Jehoiakim Vosburgh

S.23,470

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Hudson now sitting Jehoiakim Vosburgh a resident of the town of Stuyvesant in the County & state aforesaid aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the town of Kinderhook in the County & State aforesaid on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1755 that he has no record of his age but has always, known his age since he can recollect that he first entered the service of the United States at the Town of Kinderhook, there was a meeting of the inhabitants of said town at the Church previous to the Battle of Bunker Hill (1) at which he was present & at which the meeting entered into a voluntary pledge to aid to the utmost of our power in the coming struggle—That he first volunteered at the town of Kinderhook on the first of October 1775 under Colonel Andrew Widbeck, Capt. Lambert Bargart (2), Lieut Isaac VanValkenburgh (3) & Ensign Andries Widbeck we marched from Kinderhook to Albany from thence to Saratoga from thence to a place called Niskiuna from thence to Schenectady thence to Caughnawaga where we remained about two weeks from thence we marched about twelve miles to a place called Antoney's Nose then returned to Caughnawaga and were verbally discharged on the 15<sup>th</sup> November of said year.

From six weeks as a private again on the first of September 1777 I volunteered under Capt. Isaac VanValkenburgh (5), Lieutenant John VanAlstine, & William Vosburgh 2d Lieutenant, Abraham J. Van Alstine (6) was Colonel & Isaac Hoes was major. We marched from Kinderhook to Albany from thence some distance above Albany how far I cannot say and remained in the neighborhood until after the surrender of Burgoine (7). I was not in the engagement; but had been detached from the main body we were discharged about the first of November 1777 verbally & returned home.

Term as a private Two Months. Again I volunteered at the Town of Kinderhook in the County & State aforesaid on the last of August 1780 under Capt. Isaac Van Valkenburgh & William Vosburgh Lieutenant Abraham J. VanAlstine was Colonel we marched from Kinderhook to Albany thence to Niskiuna thence to Schenectady thence up the Mohawk River to Fort Plain when a part of the regiment was stationed one night a battle (8) was fought I was not in the engagement, but was stationed in the fort & remained there a number of weeks when we were march[ed] back to Albany and after remaining there a few days, were verbally discharged & suffered to return home on the first of Dec. 1780.

Term of Service as a private. Three months.

While at Fort Plain there were several Regiments present one under the Command of Col. VanNess (9) & many more that I cannot name there was also a regiment under Colonel Brown – Col. Brown (10) was killed in the engagement. I do not recollect the names of any of the officers except those named. The persons to whom I would refer the department for my character for truth & veracity are Lawrence M. Goes Esqr, Midad Butler Esq, William Van Horn, Esqr., William Van Hoesen Esqr, that I have no documentary evidence & no living witness except Lawrence M. Goes & William Vosburgh, whose names are heretunto Annex'd—That he has not been able to obtain the affidavit of a Clergyman in as much as the Clergy man in the town where he resides has been settled but a short time & knows no other of his services, that he hereby relinquishes all claim what was to a pension or annuity except present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jehoiakim Vosburgh.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year first above mentioned. J.D. Parker, Clk.

End Notes—S.23470—Jehoiakim or Joachim Vosburgh.

1. The Battle of Bunker Hill or Breeds Hill in Massachusetts was fought on June 17, 1775.
2. Captain Lambert Borgardt of the First Company in Colonel Andries Witbeck's Seventh Regiment of Albany County Militia.
3. Isaac P. VanValkenburgh was the first lieutenant, Johannes J. Van Alstyne was the second lieutenant and Nicholas Kittle Jun. was the ensign in Captain Borgardt's Company.
4. Anthony's Nose.
5. First Lieutenant VanValkenburgh was commissioned Captain of the First Company on April 2, 1778. The following were his company officers; Johannes J. VanAlstyne as first lieutenant, William Vosburgh as second lieutenant and Jacob Van Housen as ensign.
6. Colonel Abraham VanAlstyne and Major Isaac Goes were also commissioned on April 2, 1778 of the Seventh Regiment which was the Kinderhook Regiment.
7. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.

8. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780. It ended when it became too dark to distinguish between friend or foe.
9. Colonel Peter Van Ness of the Ninth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
10. John Brown was a colonel of a regiment of Massachusetts Levies sent to reinforce the militia and New York State Levies in the Mohawk Valley. Colonel Brown was killed in the Battle of Stone Arabia which was fought in the morning of October 19, 1780.