

Pension Application for Jacob Vradenburgh

S.11629

State of New York

Yates County SS.

On the 28 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Yates now setting Jacob [Jacob] Vradenburgh a resident of the Town of Jerusalem in the County of Yates and State of New York aged 73 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 7th 1832.

That he was born on Livingston Manor at a place called Tachonmick in the county of Columbia State of New York in September 1759 according to the best of his recollection from having seen a record of his age in a book kept by the minister who bapbised [baptized] him when and [an] infant of which this deponent once had a copy but [shat] has become of it at present or where it is, he cannot tell. Resided during the revolution on Livingston's Manor aforesaid, in the fore part of May 1776 according to the recollection of this deponent he was drafted as a private in the militia of Columbia aforesaid in a company commanded by Captain Coonrod Cline Van Doozer Ensign, belonging to Colonel Livingston [Livingston's] regiment from Livingstons manner [manor] aforesaid he went to Green Bush o; the Hudson river & there received his fire arms &c and continued there about three months according to this deponent recollection then proceeded under the command Colonel Livingston to fort Edwards [Fort Edward] on the Hudson river from fort Edwards to Lake George then to fort Ann from fort Ann to fort Edwards again where some time in the month of August this deponent enlisted into the New York State Troops in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Rescronce of Esopus Darrick Van Dike ensign 13th regiment according to the recollection of this deponent under the command of Colonel Cortland General Schuyler was at this time the commanding officer cannot say how long they were at fort Edwards but they continued there until some time in the month of July 1777 when the American forces at Ticonderoga under General St. Clair at fort Edwards. Soon after the arrival of Genl St. Clair at fort Edwrds the Americna Army evacuated fort Edwards and General Schuyler marched then to Saratoga and Stillwater soon after the arrival of the American forces at Stillwater General Gates succeeded General Schuyler in command at Stillwater they threw up a brest [breast] work and cleared of a large piece of woods.

Some time about the middle of September the British Army under Burgoyne came verry [very] nigh in contact with the American under General gates this deponent was engaged in a Skirmish; one or two days after that according to the best of this deponent recollection the American and British armies meet near Stillwater when a most desparate [desperate] battle was fought near a large yellow house cannot tell who it belonged too without deciding anything in a few day[s] thereafter thore [there] was another Battle fought in which the Armericans [Americans] gained a complet victory;.

Burgoyne before the commencement of the battle, attempted to move to the left of the American Army, the battle was very sever [very severe] and continued until dark, on the sixteenth or Seventeenth of October Gen. Burgoyne surrendered the British forces under his command to General Gates, according to the best of this deponent[s] recollection the regiment to which he belonged proceeded to fort Edward and there passed the winter some time in the fall of 1778 this deponent received a written discharge and returned home to Livingston's Manor aforesaid] has lost his discharge and what has become of it this deponent cannot at present tell was engag[d] in all about two years 5 or 6 months according to this deponent recollection kows [knows] of no person living by whom he prove his actual services except Alexander Anderson of the Town of Jerusalem aforesaid whose certificate is hereunto attached—has resided since the revolutionary war a number of years on Livingston manor aforesaid from there he moved into Jerusalem Ontario (now Yates) and has resided in the Town of Jerusalem thirty years and now resides there.

This deponent would rather[er] state that Samuel Tenbrook acted as major and Peter Wincoop was quartermaster there is no minister of the is no minister of the gospel [sic] residing near this deponent or with whom he is acquainted.

He hereby relinquishes ever[y] 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. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Vradenburgh.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. T. J. Nevins Dep. Clerk