

**Pension Application for Bartholomew J. Vrooman**

R.10972 (Widow: Hannah)

The State of Ohio

Granger County SS

On this twelfth day of September personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas holding Court in & For the County of Granger aforesaid & now sitting, Bartholomew Vrooman a resident of the Town of Concord in the County of Granger & State of Ohio, aged Seventy one years, who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June Seventh AD 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He volunteered as a soldier in a company commanded by Capt Ephram Vrooman of the New York militia in the month of August 1776 at the Town of Scoharry in the County of Albany in the State of New York. That he entered the service of one year in said Company & in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Vrooman & I was stationed at the upper fort in Scohorry our Majors name was Abraham Becker. I served out the year there & was discharged and in May 1778 I enlisted of nine months in a company of Riflemen commanded by Capt Pair as a soldier & was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Morgan. The majors name was Posey & the Adjutants name was Coleman.

I enlisted at Scoharry was marched to Cooperstown & State of New York & from there to [?] & there I was dismissed in the month of January 1779. I then returned home to Scoharry & was called out as a militia man in March or April following & was employed as a guard to the fort & the inhabitants [inhabitants] in that town which they were on their farms in the day time the familys then levied in a the fort, on the ninth day of August while I was a guard to a party then at work in the field a party of British & Indians commanded by Capt Brant in the British service & a Capt Hendricks they came a [?] us & took me with several other prisoners they took my captain Ephram Vrooman, Simon Vrooman, John Vrooman, Barnabas Vrooman, Thomas Morenas [?] Daily & James Vrooman & at the same time killed five of my relations & several other of the Enhabitants after we were taken prisoners they marched to fort Niagara & from there to Montreal where we was kept through the winter. I was a prisoner more than a year. I was discharged by being exchanged & went from Montreal home & when I got home I had been gone one year & 23 days.

After I returned I volunteered in Capt Jacob Hagars Company & continued in his company to the end of the war. I was not in the service all the time but was frequently sent out on scouts & stood guard &c.

I thereby relinquished every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Questions by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup> Where & in what year was you born. Answer, I suppose I was born in the Lowlands in Holland in 1761. I have no recollection of coming to the country.

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Answer. I have no record of it.

3. Where were you living when you was called in to the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you live now. Answer I served in Schoharie in the State of New York when I went in to the Service after the war I went to Harpersfield Delaware County, state of New York where I resided till if came to Concord Ohio In June 1615 where I now reside.

4. How were you called in to the service? Were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom. Answer I first volunteered for one year when my term was out I was drafted as a flying guard or Minut[e] man was taken prisoner & after exchange I again volunteered.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments. Answer. I do not recollect & the General Circumstances of your service, officers of my company I was in the militia or volunteers the whole time other than what I have stated in the Declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so what has he come of it. Answer I never received a written discharge at all as I recollect.

7. State the names of some person to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior, your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. Mr. John lament of Harpersfield in the County of Ashtabula was acquainted with me as a soldier. (Signed with his mark) Bartholomew Vrooman

Sworn and Subscribed this eleventh day of September AD 1832.

Letter in folder dated September 20, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.10972, it appears that Bartholomew Vrooman (the name also appears as Bartholomew I. Vrooman) was born in 1761 "in the lowlands in Holland".

While residing in Schoharie County, New York, he served as a private with the New York Troops as follows:

From in August 1776, one year in Captain Ephraim Vrooman's Company, Colonel Peter Vrooman's Regiment; from in May, 1778, nine months in Captain Pair's Company, Colonel Morgan's Regiment; in March or April 1779, he went as a guard at the fort in Schoharie and on August 9, a party of British and Indians commanded by Captains Brant and Hendrick, attacked them, he was captured and carried to Fort Niagara, and from there to Montreal where he was held about one year when he was exchanged.

After which he volunteered in Captain Jacob Hagar's Company, and served as a scout and guard at various times until the close of the war.

He stated that at the time he was taken prisoner, the following were also captured and taken prisoners; Captain Ephraim Vrooman, Simon Vrooman, John

Vrooman, Barnabas Vrooman, Daily Vrooman, Tunis Vrooman and Thomas Morenas. At the same time five of his relatives were killed. He did not give their names.

After the Revolution, the soldier lived in Delaware County, New York, and in June 1815, moved to concord, Geauga County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension, while a resident of said Concord, on his application executed September 12, 1832. He died there December 8, 1839.

The soldier married February 15, 1791 or 1792, in Middleburg, Schoharie County, New York, Hannah Mattice.

In 1844, she was living in Petty Township, Lake County, Ohio, aged seventy years.

Their children were referred to, the following are the only names specified: Their first child died in Infancy, name not given; second child, Charity, was born about February 1794; third child, Polly age not given; fourth child Frederick, was born May 5, 1799; their son, Bartholomew, was living in 1853, in Perry, Lake County, Ohio. His age is not given.