

### **Pension Application for John J. Vrooman**

W.25843 (Widow: Amy) John and Amy married November 5, 1815. John died November 10, 1841.

State of New York

County of Schenectada SS

On this tenth day of October 1838, (personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada aforesaid), personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County (John or) John J. Vrooman a resident of the City of Schenectada in said County aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he this Declarant was born in the year 1763 on the fifth day of April, in the then township of Schenectada in said County (then county of Albany) & State of New York. The record of his age is contained in his family Bible.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in said township & since the revolutionary war, he has lived in no other place.

In the spring of the year 1779 he enlisted or was enrolled in the company of militia commanded by Captain John Mynderse in the Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple. His other officers whom he recollects were James H. Peek & Lawrence Mynderse Lieutenants, Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors.

The first tour of duty he performed as a member of said Company was for one month in the fall of the year 1779 at Fort Paris or Stone Arabia—said Mynderse had during that month the command of said fort, or this town he served pursuant to draft made from said Regiment.

He served at Beaverdam for one week under command of Major Wemple but cannot remember the year. At Helderberg one week under Captain Thomas B. Banker at Schoharie four days, he thinks in the year 1778.

On the first day of January 1780, he this declarant enlisted in the company of Batteaumen, fatiguemen & laborers commanded by Captain Joseph Peck for the term of one year to wit until the first day of January 1781 and served till 24<sup>th</sup> December 1780.

In 1781, he marched to Johnstown with a detachment of militia from said Regiment to wit in the fall of that year, under command of Captain John Mynderse, & served for the term of two weeks.

He this declarant also served at Schenectada, performing garrison duty there for different periods of time, which this Deponent is unable to specify, but knows that in the whole it exceeded six months. The names of the officers under whom he served in these engagements were Col. Dayton, Col VanDyck, Col. Gansevooert Adjt Tierce.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the trips where he served, and such continental and militia regiments

or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect in addition to those herein; before named, Major Fish, Col. Cortland, Col. Dubois, & Col. Willett, General Schuyler

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose affidavits are hereto adjoined.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit. James V.S. Ryley and Giles F. Yates.

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. (Signed) John J. Vrooman

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid. W.W. Tredeway Deputy Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 29, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John J. Vroom and Adam Vrooman, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only Adam Vrooman that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office was furnished you on October 5, 1935.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.25843, based upon the military service of John J. Vrooman in that war.

John J. Vrooman was born April 5, 1763 in Schenectady Township, Albany County, that part which was later Schenectady County, New York. The names of his parents are not designated.

While a resident of said Schenectady Township, John J. Vrooman enlisted in the fall of 1779 and served one month at Fort Paris in stone Arabia, under Captain John Mynderse and Colonel Abraham Wemple. He enlisted, date not stated, and served one week at Beaverdam, under Major Wemple. He also served one week at Helderbergh, in Captain Thomas B. Vancker's New York Company, date not given. He enlisted in 1778 and served four days at Schoharie, names of officers not given. He enlisted January 1, 1780, served as private in Captain Joseph Peck's Company of Batteauxmen and was discharged December 24, 1780. He enlisted in the fall of 1781 and served two weeks at Johnstown in captain John Mynderse's New York Company. He also served at various times, six months in all, performing garrison duty at Schenectady in Colonels Dayton's, Van Dyck's and Gansevoort's New York Regiments.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 10, 1838, at which time he was a resident of Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York, where he had always lived.

John J. Vrooman died November 10, 1841, in Schenectady, New York.

Soldier married November 5, 1815, place not stated, Amy Rowe, who was born July 28, 1778, place, and the names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Amy Vrooman, was allowed pension on her application executed January 18, 1854, at which time she was a resident of Schenectady, New York. She was still living there in 1889.

In 1869 one Peter Rowe was residing in Schenectady, New York, his age or relationship to the family not stated.

This is the record of the only John Vrooman that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.