

Pension Application for Peter Vrooman

R.186.73

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this twenty-first day of November 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 of the county of Montgomery and State of New York, aged sixty nine years and seven months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the spring of the year 1778, according to the best of his recollection, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer at the age of about fifteen years in Captain Christian Stubrach's (1) company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's regiment, that he joined the company at the lower fort in Schoharie, then in the county of Albany where he resided at the time of his entering the service. That he continued in the service at the Fort aforesaid till sometime late in the fall, and till the company were discharged at Schoharie aforesaid. That in the spring of the year 1779, sometime in the month of May he thinks he was enrolled in Captain Stubrach's company in Col. Vrooman's Regiment at Schoharie aforesaid, and required to do duty in the said company, that he accordingly joined the company at the Lower Fort in said town and continued to serve in said company and regiment from May till late in the fall of the same year, when he with the rest of the company was discharged at the fort aforesaid, but that his discharge was not in writing.

That he was again called in to the service in the same company and regiment, at Schoharie aforesaid in the spring of the year 1780, and continued in the service till late in the fall of the same year. That in the month of October 1780 (2), the British and Indians burnt the town; and some of the inhabitants, they murdered and scalped and some they took prisoners. That the now county of Schoharie was at that time a frontier settlement, and the inhabitants during the war greatly troubled with the savage Indians.

That in the spring of the year 1781, he was again called into the service at Schoharie aforesaid in Captain Stubrach's company in Col. Vrooman's regiment, that they were stationed at Schoharie aforesaid and that he continued in the service till late in the fall of the same year, when they were discharged at the lower fort in Schoharie.

That in the spring of the year 1782, he was again called into the service in the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid and that he continued to serve in said company and regiment till late in the fall when they were discharged at the fort aforesaid in Schoharie, that he discharge was not in writing that during the different periods of his service he was chiefly employed in scouting and helping guard the fort and town.

That in the spring of 1780, he was again called in to the service at Schoharie aforesaid in the same company and regiment and remained in the service till sometime in May when they were all discharged by Col. Vrooman at Schoharie aforesaid that he thinks that he was in the service at this time about 18 or 20 days.

And to the further interrogatories of the court he answers. That he was born in the town of Schoharie, then County of Albany and State of New York the 12th day of May 1763, according to the information he has received. That his age is recorded in the High Dutch reformed church book of the town and county of Schoharie and State aforesaid, a certificate whereof is hereunto annexed, that he was living in the town of Schoharie, then county of Albany, where he was called into the service and that he had lived there ever since till between two and three years ago, he moved to the town of Glen in the County of Montgomery and State of New York where he has lived since he moved there and living there now. That he entered the service the first time as a volunteer, when he was about fifteen years of age, and at the other different periods of his service he was ordered into the service each time by some of the officers but cannot remember in what particular manner or form he was warned or ordered in to the service. That he does not recollect many of the names of the regular officers, that

there were not many of any stationed for any length of time near where he served. Colonel Dubois's (3) regiment was at Schoharie a few months during the war. That he was well acquainted with Col. Peter Zeeley (4) who commanded a regiment at the Middle Fort during a certain period of that war. That he never received a written discharge that he recollects. That in his present neighbourhood he has only lived between three and four years and cannot therefore say who can testify as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, but he can name those to whom he is known who he thinks can testify as to his character for veracity. To wit, Richard Hudson, Peter Wood, Vincent Quackenboss, Abraham Putman, and others. But in the town of Schoharie where he has lived since the Revolutionary war till he moved to the place where he now lives, he is known to many persons who he thinks can testify to his character for veracity and of their knowledge of his service in the revolutionary war. To wit, Bartholomew Swart, John Becker, Henry Bekcer, Jacob Becker, Jacob Schoolcraft, John Schoolcraft, Abraham Bergh and others.

But that he has no documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. [Rest is cut off.]

In a declaration dated 18th April 1839, his widow Angelica said she was in the seventy third year of her age. On the 12th of July 1784 (5), she married Peter Vroman in the town of Schoharie by a priest named Rev'd Scuanaman, no church indicated. Her husband died the 23rd day of November 1838.

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Peter Vrooman of the Town of Glen in Montgomery County & State aforesaid being duly sworn doth depose and say that in addition to his former declaration for a pension, and as a more definite specification of the same and supplemental thereto; that he entered the United States Service in the spring of the year 1778 in the manner stated in his former declaration and as early as the first of June he is positive & he believes some time earlier in the season, and that he served under the officers in the several places mentioned in said declaration until as late as the tenth day of October at the least—making four months & ten days. The declarant further states that in the spring of the year 1779 as early as the 16th day of May he again entered the service in the manner particularly specified in his former declaration, and continued regularly in the same until as late as the fifteenth day of October at the least making five months wanting one day. The declarant further states that in the Spring of the year 1780, as early as the 16th day of April he again entered the service as stated in the former declaration and continued therein as late as the first day of December following at the least—making that period of service amount to seven months & fourteen days at the least—The declarant also states that in the year 1781 he was again ordered into the service as early as the first day of May in the manner specified in his former declaration & regularly continued in the service until the fourteenth day of October following at the least, making the term of service in that year five months & fourteen days at the least.

The declarant further states that in the year 1782 as early as the tenth of May he was called into service in the manner particularly specified in his former declaration & continued therein regularly until the fourteenth day of October at the least when he was discharged as stated in his former declaration—making in that period of service five months & four days at the least. The declarant further states that in the spring of the year 1783 he was called into service as also stated in his former declaration some time the latter part of April & served fifteen days at the lowest estimate & was then discharged some time in May, the particular day he cannot now remember nor mention.— And the declarant & the residue of his company were regularly discharged, but the declarant never had any written discharge during the whole term of his service, and in making up the several tours & periods of service, the declarant in this supplemental declaration has stated the same less an amount of time than what he really believes the same to be in order to meet the desire of the war department

as to specification of time of service, and that in [footing?] Up the several periods of service as set forth in this supplemental declaration the time of service will amount to two years three months & twenty six days. And the declarant further states that he is not acquainted with any Clergyman in the County of Montgomery or Schoharie who can give the requested certificate to the war department required and the time for which the service was performed the applicant was not employed in any civil pursuit—that Bartholomew Swart one of the witnesses on my application since he testified has departed this life & died about six weeks after he testified. (Signed) Peter Vrooman.

Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of June 1833 before me. Aaron Haring, Jus. Peace.

End Notes—R.18673—Peter Vrooman

1. Christian Stubrach was the Captain of the First Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fift6eenth Regiment of Albany county Militia (United Districts of Schoharie and Duanesburgh.)
2. Sir John Johnson with about 700 men laid waste to the Schoharie Valley on October 17, 1780.
3. A few Companies of Colonel Lewis DuBois' Fifth New York Continental Regiment were stationed in Schoharie during the winter of 1778-1779.
4. Peter W. Zielie was the Lieutenant-Colonel of colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
5. On May 27, 1839, George A. Lintner, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of the Town of Schoharie stated that he could not a record of the marriage of Peter Vrooman to Angelica Vrooman.