

Pension Application for Jacob Spanbergh

S.14,557

State of New York

City of Hudson SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting Jacob Spanbergh a resident of the town of Livingston in the County of Columbia aged seventy eight years 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 in March 1778 as a substitute for Baltus Cropser who was drafted as a militia man. That at the time he said Spanbergh lived in the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess & State of New York. That he entered the service at Poughkeepsie—said County of Dutchess in Captain Wood's Company & Col. Pawling's Regiment. That Henry J. Pawling was the Lieutenant of the Company & VanBenschoten was Major of the regiment. The names of the other company & field officers does not recollect. From Poughkeepsie he marched to Esopus, from there he marched wet on a tour of service & returned to Haverstraw, thence to Peekskill, thence to Fishkill, thence to Poughkeepsie when he was discharged. That he entered the service for the term of nine months & actually served & was on duty during the whole & until the end of said term. That he was not engaged in any battles. That he does not recollect any Continental Regiments or Companies with which he served or the names of any regular officers under whom or with whom he served except that when he marched out west from Esopus he understood he was marching under the orders of Gen. Sullivan. That said Baltus Cropser resides in the County of Dutchess according to the latest information received from him.

That in the month of March or April 1779, he again entered the service of the United States when he was drafted as a militiaman. That he then resided at Rhinebeck in Dutchess Co. aforesaid in Henry J. Pawling's Company & Col. Henry Livingston's Regiment of which Andrew Hermance was Major. The names of the other company & field officers he does not recollect. From Rhinebeck he went on board a sloop to West Point & was stationed there sometime. From there went in a Sloop to Albany from there marched to Fort Edward where he was stationed about five months. From there went to Fort George, thence back to Fort Edward thence to Half Moon Point in the County of Saratoga where he was discharged—

That he entered the services as last aforesaid for the term of nine months & actually served & was on duty during the whole & until the end of said term.

That he was not engaged in any battles, but was in a skirmish at Fort George & was wounded in the side by a musket ball of which he now exhibits the scar. That he does not recollect any Continental Regiments or companies with which he served & does not now recollect the names of any regular officers, if he ever knew any.

That he never received a written or printed discharge. The he knows of no witness by whom he can prove his last mentioned services except one Albert VanBenstchten who resides in the town of Hyde Part in the County of Dutchess about forty miles from the residence of this applicant.

That he went down to Hyde Part to procure the testimony of said VanBenschoten but his confirmed & exceptive habits of intemperance and such that he could not & cannot obtain he testimony of said VanBenschoten to his services as last aforesaid.

That there is not any clergyman residing in the neighborhood of this applicant who can testify that he is generally reputed to have been a soldier of the Revolution & who is sufficiently acquainted with this applicant to certify as to such general reputation or who have any belief or opinion in relation to said matter.

That he has not any documentary evidence whatsoever of his services as above mentioned.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
Jacob Spanbergh

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk