

Pension Application for Evert VanDenBergh

R.6156 (Former Widow: Jane Lansing)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the 3d Section of the act of 4th July 1836, & of the first Section of the act of 3rd March 1837.

State of New York SS

On this 21st day of November 1837, personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Albany in said State, Jane Lansing, a resident of the town of Watervliet in said County, & State, aged eighty two years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath;, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3d 1837.

That she was married to Evert VanDenBergh on the fifteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at the township of Schenectada by the Reverend Barent Vrooman then pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of said Township.

That he husband the aforesaid Evert VanDenBergh died on the third day of January 1785; that she was afterwards married to Jacob Lansing, who died on the thirty fourth day of November 1821?

That she was a widow on the fourth day of July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto Annexed—and that her maiden name was Van Schayck—That according to the best of the knowledge & belief of this Declarant the following are the particulars of the service of her said husband the aforesaid Evert VanDenBergh—to wit.

In the latter part of the year of 1775, or the beginning of the year 1776, the said Evert VanDenBergh was enrolled as a private in the Company of Militia in the District of the Manor Rensselaerwyck, commanded by Capt. Abraham D. Fonda, where of Henry Oothoudt was afterwards Captain in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Philip P. Schuyler and said Evert VanDenBergh served in said company whenever called upon until the close of the war of the revolution in 1783. This Declarant recollects the following expeditions among others in which said Evert served, viz—

With a detachment of militia from said Regiment & Company under command of Henry Oothoudt aforesaid to Lake George and Ticonderoga, where the said Evert performed garrison duty with the troops there stationed for the term of more than three weeks.

With the North American Army in the Campaign against Burgoyne in the summer for fall of the year 1777, under the officers of said Company & Regiment at Saratoga & other posts & passes occupied during said Campaign for the term of at least fourteen weeks.

With a like detachment to the Schoharie forts on two occasions for the term of at least three weeks each, year not recollected, but thinks in 1779 or 1780.

With a like Detachment to Caughnawaga, fort Hunter & other posts occupied during said Campaign for the term of at least fourteen weeks.

With a like detachment to the Schoharie forts on two occasions for the term of at least three weeks each, year not recollected, but thinks in 1779 & 1780.

With a like detachment to Caughnawaga, fort Hunter & other posts in that neighborhood when the Caughnawaga Settlements were destroyed for the term of at least fourteen days.

With a small Detachment in the fall of the same year to Ballstown for the term of the same year to Ballstown for the term of five days or more.

With a like detachment to Stone Arabia she thinks in 1779 or for a period exceeding twenty one days.

With a like Detachment on an alarm, to Fort Herkimer for the term of at least two weeks, she believes that on this occasion Walter Butler was killed.

With a like Detachment to the Schenectada garrisons on two or three occasions & for the term of eight or ten days each time.

But this Declarant cannot specify whether said Evert was a volunteer, draughted, or was a substitute, in each of the afore named tours, nor can she specify the names of his commanding officers other than that he generally served under some of the officers of said company & Regiment. (Signed with her mark) Jane Lansing.

Subscribed & sworn the day & year first aforesaid before me. J. Lansing Judge of Albany [?] Pleas [?]

Letter in folder dated November 1, 1912, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 26th and received the 28th ultimo, you are advised that in the pension claim, R. File No. 6,156, Rev. War, it is alleged that Evert VanDenBergh enlisted in 1775, and served as a Private under Captains Abraham Fonda, Henry Oothout, and Levinis Lansing, and Colonel Philip P. Schuyler, New York troops, at various times until the end of the war.

The soldier was born June 12, 1738, and married October 18, 1756, Anna Lansing who died November 8, 1775. Their children were: Weynant, born August 3, 1757; Lena born August 28, 1760; Abram, born June 3, 178-(torn); Anna, born July 29, 1764, died November 15, 1764, died November 15, 1753; Anna born August 27, 1765.

Soldier again married, June 15, 1776, in Schenectady Township, New York, Jane VanSchayck, who was born in 1755, and he died January 3, 1785. Their children were: Heva, born May 27, 1777; Kneleya (?), born December 26, 1778; Maria, born November 17, 1780; Sybrant VanSchayck, born October 5, 1782; Catrina, born May 5, 1784.

The soldier's widow married (date not stated) Jacob Lansing, who died November 24, --(illegible). She applied for pension on account of the services of Evert VanDenBergh, under date of November 21, 1837, while a resident of Watervliet, Albany County, New York. Her application was rejected on the ground of insufficient proof of six months service as required by the law under which she applied.