

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

S.17169

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.]

On this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting, John J. VanEps a resident of the town of Rotterdam—in said county & state, aged Eighty one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He was born in the City of Schenectady then township in the County of Schenectady in the State of New York on the twenty fourth day of October 1751. He has no record of his age except in his father's family Bible & in the Register of Baptisms of the Dutch Church in the City aforesaid when he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in a part of said township called the Bowland, and since the revolutionary war, he has lived in the same place. And he now lives in the town of Rotterdam, aforesaid. He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1775, he was enrolled in the Company of Minute men commanded by Captain John Mynderse in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel and served in the same until the year 1777 when he was attached to or enrolled in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Abraham Oothout in the same Regiment.

His other officers in the first named company were Lawrence Mynderse & James H. Peek, Lieutenants Abraham I. Truax Ensign in the company of Abraham Ooshout aforesaid his other officers were John Roseboom & Nicholas Barheydt Lieutenants, Cornelius T. Van Santvoord Ensign. His field officers Abraham Suits & Myndert Wemple Majors.

In the year 1776, he was with the troops that took Sir John Johnson.

In the year 1777, he was ordered to Fort Edward & performed duty at that post and other posts in that vicinity with the troops under Generals Schuyler, Arnold & Gates until and after the surrender of Burgoyne, and he served with the detachment that escorted Burgoyne to Albany.

Previous to this campaign & during the remainder of said war, he was out on numerous tours of duty, the precise periods of which & the length of time he served in each he cannot specify.

It is well known that alarms were very frequent, & that detachments of militia were called out continually, as there were no regular forces in the vicinity of Schenectady or even along the frontiers west of that place to guard them. He has performed garrison duty sundry times at fort Edward, forts Plain, Plank & Hunter. He was in the Different campaigns when the Mohawk Country was laid waste & also then Ballston was burnt by the enemy & to Beaverdam & other places.

If he should be required to say how long in the whole he served in these different tours & expeditions, he can honestly say for twelve months.

He has marched to & performed duty at Coeymans under Col Wynkoop for nine months, also at Skenesborough with artificers; which nine months are in addition to the twelve months above stated.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Col Wemple, Genl Schuyler, Rensselear [Van Rensselaer], Arnold & Gates & others and this claimant further declares that in addition to the twelve & nine month above specified, he served for eight months at Skenesborough in a company of artificers commanded by Capt. Jacob Vrooman.

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 depositions are hereto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. Simon A. Groot & Cornelius L. Van Santvoord.

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 with his mark) John J. VanEps

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John L. Vrooman,  
Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 9, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of May 2, relative to John VanEps, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.17169, based upon the military service of John J. VanEps in the Revolutionary War.

He was born October 24, 1751, in Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York.

While living in a part of the township of Schenectady called Bowland, he enlisted in the spring of 1775 and served on numerous tours until the end of the war, amounting ot more than three years in all, as a private in the New York troops, under Captains John Mynderse, Abraham Oothout, Jacob Vrooman, Teunis Bradt, Van Slyck, Jellis Fonda, Major Hale, Colonels Abraham Wemple, Isaac Vrooman, Wynkoop, and Yates. During his service he was with the troops in January 1776, that took Sir John Johnson.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 20, 1832, while a resident of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York.

There are no family data on file.