

**Pension Application for Thomas Van Gaasbeek**

S.23045

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1832.  
State of New York,  
County of Ulster SS.

On this fourteenth day of December in the years 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 Ulster aforesaid, now sitting, Thomas Van Gaasbeek a resident of the town of Kingston in said County, aged seventy seven 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 of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first day of August 1775 this Deponent enlisted for the period of five months in a Company, commanded by Captain Elias [Wasbrough?] Lieutenants Cornelius Jansen & Peter Rogge—in Col. James Clinton's Regiment of which Cornelius Wynkoop was Lt Colonel.

That said Deponent went with his said Company from Kingston – (the place where he enlisted) for Albany, from thence to Ticonderoga & from thence to St. Johns where he had been in the said service for three months, he was taken sick with the bloody Flux & sent to the hospital at Ticonderoga, where in consequence of his extreme [?] he was discharged & sent home by General Schuyler.

In 1776 this Deponent again enlisted in Capt Moses Cantine's Company Lt Edward Schoonmaker & Cornelius Newkirk—in Colonel Levi Pauldings Regiment of which Thomas Jansen was Lieutenant Colonel. That as near as he can recollect he enlisted in the beginning of the month of August of that year. That he started from Kingston—(that place where he enlisted) with his company to Fort Montgomery, from thence to Kingsbridge, from thence to White Plains where he was in the battle from thence to Peekskill & from thence to Murders Creek where their period of service expired.

That in April 1777 this Deponent received from Genl George Clinton recruiting instructions as an Ensign in Colonel Malcombs Regiment, of which Aaron Buss was Lt Colonel, Albert Paulding Major being one of the additional Regiments of Continental troops—our Regiment Rendezvoused at Smith's Clove, in the fall we joined the Grand Army at White [?] Pennsylvania & from there marched to Valley Forge where this Deponent resigned in January 1778 on account of ill health. The records of the Department of War will give the exact [time?] of service. That he was born at Kingston, Ulster County on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1756, that the time of his birth is in the records of the Dutch Church of Kingston.

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 any Agency in any State.

That he now lives in Kingston Ulster County where he has resided since the Revolutionary War that he has never received a Commission & but one written discharge which was signed by General Schuyler and which this deponent has lost. By whom his recruiting instructions were signed he has forgotten. (Signed) Thomas Van Gaasbeek.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A.D. Soper First Judge & A. G. Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, Judges.

Letter in folder dated May 12, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23045, that Thomas Van Gaasbeek was born February 24, 1756, at Kingston, Ulster County, New York.

While living there, he enlisted about the first day of August, 1775, and served between three and five months in Captain Elias Hasbrouck's company in Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment. He enlisted in August, 1776, and served five months in Captain Moses Cantine's company in Colonel Levi Paulding's New York regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains. In April, 1777 he was made ensign in Captain Watkins' company, Colonel Malcolm's regiment, and resigned in January 1778, because of ill health.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 14, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Kingston, New York.

About 1836 he moved from Kingston to Oxford, Chenango County, New York.

The papers in this pension claim contain no data relative to soldier's family.