

Pension Application for Frederick VanPetten or Van Patten

S.28926

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this twelfth day of October 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 in and for said county, now sitting Frederick Van Patten a resident of the town of Glenville in said county & state, aged nearly seventy two 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 7th 1832.

He was born in the town of Westina within the township of Schenectady in the County of Albany, now County of Schenectady in the state (then colony) of New York on the eleventh day of November 1760. He has no record of his age except that.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in said town of Westina and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place now town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady in said state & he now lives in the town of Glenville aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of November 1776 he was enrolled in Captain John VanPatten's (1) company in the Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple. The names of his other company & field officers whom he recollects were Tunis Swart, Lieutenant & Philip Vedder Lieutenant.

The inhabitants of Tryon & Albany Counties being threatened with incursions from the enemy at every point, the militia were called out on numerous occasions, and received scarcely any aid from the regular troops to defend their frontiers. He the claimant was out with scouts of the militia & Indians to sundry places, the particular periods of which engagements it is impossible for him to specify.

At the Westina fort he mounted guard almost every day when not out on distant expeditions. He served for the term of three weeks on an alarm to Johnstown—for the term of one month he performed garrison duty at Stone Arabia—he was on duty at the upper fort in Schoharie for a term exceeding one month—After Cobleskill (2) had been destroyed by the enemy, he marched with a detachment to Cobleskill aforesaid in pursuit of the enemy—and after aiding in burying the dead there, returned to said fort in Schoharie & remained on duty at said fort the term of one week. He has marched to [Fort] Hunter several times—was on duty at Sacondaga one week. While at the last named place he was sergeant of the guard under Major Myndert Wemple. When Caughnawaga was burnt in 1780 (3), he marched with a detachment of militia from Westina aforesaid to German Flatts, and was out in this tour more than one week.

In the year 1778, he was drafted & marched to Saratoga & served with the troops at that post and in guarding the artificers under Colonel Christopher Yates (4) for two months. In the fall of the year 1781, he was called out & marched to Johnstown when & where he was taken sick & returned home.

Judging from the short periods of time he remained at home, the whole period which he served in the garrison & in the field during the revolutionary was not less than eighteen months.

It did not fall to his lot to engage in any battles or skirmishes during said war.

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: General Schuyler (5), Colonels Gaansevoort, Ten Broeck, Willett, VanDyck & others.

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.

The following are the names of person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. John Sanders and John VanEps.

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) Frederick VanPetten

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

Letter dated December 6, 1932, written in reply to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Frederick VanPatten, whose name appears on the printed list of pensioners of 1840, as a resident of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, age 79 years.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.28926, based upon the service of Frederick Van Patten, as his signature appears, in that war.

Frederick Van Petten was born November 11, 1760 in the town of Westina, Schenectady Township, Albany County, New York, which town was later within the bounds of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York.

While residing in his native town, he enlisted sometime in November, 1776, and served two months as private in Captain John VanPatten's (no relationship to the soldier stated) Company, Colonel Abraham Wemple's New York Regiment; he enlisted early in March 1777, and served ten months as private in Captain Myndert A. (or R.) Wemple's (6) Company part of the time in the bateau service transporting supplies between Schenectady and Fort Stanwix. After this he served on tours during the succeeding years of the war until 1782 under Captains John VanPatten and Roseboom, Colonels Abraham Wemple, and Christopher Yates, specific dates and length of these

services not given; he was on alarms at Cobleskill, Saratoga, Caughnawaga, Schoharie, Stone Arabia and at Johnstown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, at which time he resided in Glenville, Schenectady County, New York.

In 1832, Adam VanPatten, the soldier's brother, was living in the town of Rotterdam, in Schenectady County, and in 1837, his residence was Glenville, that same county, New York. The soldier's sister, Rebecca Bradford, was living in said Glenville, New York, in 1837, and gave her age as sixty-nine years.

It is not stated that the soldier, Frederick VanPetten was ever married.

End Notes—S.28926—Frederick VanPetten

1. John VanPatten was appointed Captain of the Third Company in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia on October 20, 1775. The other company officers were as follows: First Lieutenant Cornelius Mabey or Mabee, Maybe, Mabie; Second Lieutenant Simon F. VanPatten; Ensign Daniel Toll. Captain Van Patten was commissioned on June 20, 1778. The other company officers commissioned were as follows: First Lieutenant Teunis Swart; Second Lieutenant Philip Vedder; Ensign Daniel Toll.
2. Cobleskill was destroyed May 30, 1778 by Captain Joseph Brant.
3. Caughnawaga was destroyed on May 22, 1780 by Sir John Johnson.
4. Yates of Schenectady served in the Quartermaster's Department.
5. Major General Philip Schuyler, Colonel Gansevoort of the Third New York Continental Regiment, Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck, Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett (served in several regiments at different periods) and Lieutenant Colonel Cornelius VanDyck of the First New York Continental Regiment.
6. Myndert M. Wemple was commissioned Second Major on June 20, 1778 in the Second Albany. Myndert A. Wemple was commissioned First Lieutenant in Captain John Myndertese's (or Mynderson's) Company in the Second Albany on February 25, 1780.