

Pension Application for William VanValkenburgh

S.11597

State of New York
Columbia County SS.

On this third day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting William VanValkenburgh a resident of the Town of Stuyvesant in the County aforesaid 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. That he was born in the Town of Kinderhook now Stuyvesant in the County & State aforesaid in the year 1760.

That he was first called into the New York State Militia in the Revolutionary War about the first of October 1776—his officers were Capt. Phillip VanAlstine (1), First Lieutenant Peter Hugenan, Second Lieut. Gocia VanBuren (2) march from the town of Kinderhook aforesaid to GreenBush opposite Albany and was there drilled for the term of three weeks and was Discharged about the last of October Term of service three weeks.

Enlisted again under Capt. Phillip VanAlstine Lieut Peter Hugenan under the command of Colonel Andrus Widbeck Started in the month of May 1777 it was in the time of Planting Corn marched to Albany Remained there three weeks then to Half Moon Point then to Schenectady & then to Johnstown, north of Albany and was Dismissed in the month of July after a service of two months this term of service is proven by the annex'd affidavit Abraham Clark sworn before John J. VanAllen Jun Esqr. Two Months.

Was again called out under Capt. James VanAllen (3), Peter Hugenan Lieutenant James Wengard Ensign in the month of August on a scouting party against the Torys & Robbers in this Tour Abraham VanNess was killed by the Robbers was absent on this service one week.

Again this applicant Enlisted about the last of February 1778 at the Town of Kinderhook in the county aforesaid under Capt. Abraham Fonda (4) Lieutenant Pitcher (5) John Decker Robinson (6) Second Lieutenant Thomas Beacraft, Sergt under the command of John Beekman (7) Colonel encamped at Albany and remained there until he was discharg'd in the month of May being daily drilled by my officers. This term of service was Two & ½ months.

Again enlisted in the month of May 1778 in the Town of Kinderhook in the County aforesaid under Capt. James VanAllen Lieut Peter Hugenan Ensign James Wyngard as a company of Vigilance to Guard that section of the Country from the Torys & Robbers he enlisted for three months stood guard two nights in each week & frequently – oftener was discharged in the month of August 1778 served in this tour if only allowed two nights in each week one month—Thinks he should be allowed the whole 3 months as the Duty was arduous—leaves it to the decision of the Department has no living witness to prove this service.

Again enlisted in the month of September about the 15th under Capt. Jas VanAllen first Lieutenant John VanAlstine (8) Second Lieutenant Gocia VanBuren & Ensign James Wingard in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Waterman (9) Marched from the Town of Kinderhook to FishKill on the North River and remained there until the time of his enlistment expired when he was discharge being the middle of December 1778. Time of service Three months.

The above Term of service is also proven by the annex'd affidavit of Abraham Clark.

Was again in the month of October about the first again enlisted under Capt. Isaac VanValkenburgh Lieutenant Gocia VanBuren & Ensign James Wingard and marched from the Town of Kinderhook to Bemises Heights and remained there nearly three weeks and was Discharged about 25th Oct 1779.

And to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers he was born in the Town of Kinderhook in the County of Columbia & State of New York on the 7th of Sept. 1760.

Has no record of his age it has been lost for many years.

Lived in the Town of Kinderhook when called into the service and has lived there ever since and still lives there although that part of it where he resides has been changed to Stuyvesant.

Always enlisted voluntarily in the service.

There were some Continental soldiers at Albany while this applicant was stationed there does not recollect the names of any except a Capt. David VanNess (10) who is since Dead has had many a glass of grog of said VanNess.

The General Circumstances of his service are fully embodied in this application.

Never rec'd a written discharge. He would refer the Department for Character to Lucas Hoes Esqr, James VanDerpoel Esqr, District Judge Hose.

And this applicant hereby further states that John J. Sharp and Abraham Clark whose affidavits are hereunto annexed are the only living witness that he can find and that although he made repeated efforts to bring them into Court it was without effect and was therefore under the necessity of having their affidavits taken out of Court that he has no documentary evidence.

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 thereof—(Signed with his mark) William VanValkenburgh

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk

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1. Captain Philip VanAlstyne's Company (Third Company) of Colonel Andries Witbeck's Seventh Regiment of Albany County Militia. The other officers were First Lieutenant John J. Goes, Second Lieutenant Peter Huginine and Ensign Andries VanDerPoll.
2. Goose VanBuren was not commissioned until April 2, 1778 as a First Lieutenant in Captain Jacobus (James) VanAlen's Company in the Seventh Albany.

3. Captain VanAlstyne had been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and he was commissioned as such on April 2, 1778 and Jacobus VanAlen was then appointed Captain and he was also commissioned on April 2, 1778. The other officers commissioned on the same date were First Lieutenant Goose VanBuren, Second Lieutenant Peter VanAlen and Jacob Wyngard as Ensign. Goes and VanDerPoll were replaced as they were "disaffected" (Loyalists). Hugunine no longer served as Second Lieutenant.
4. Abraham Fonda was a captain in Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
5. Jonathan Pitcher served as the First Lieutenant in Captain Araham Hawley's Company in Colonel Peter VanNess' Ninth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
6. John Decker Robinson is unknown.
7. John H. Beekman was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Albany County militia. This service was a mixed detachment of the Albany County Militia.
8. First Lieutenant John J. VanAlstyne in Captain Isaac P. VanValkenburgh's Company (First Company) in the Seventh Regiment.
9. Lieutenant-Colonel Asa Waterman of the Seventeenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
10. Captain David VanNess had served in the First New York Continental Regiment under Colonel Goose VanSchaick.