

**Pension Application for Gerret Van Vracken or Van Vranken**

R.10903

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

Garret Van Vracken of Broadalbin in said County and Sate being duly sworn deposeth and saith in addition to his declaration heretofore made pursuant to the pension act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he went into the United States service and in the year 1776 in the month of June as he thinks and believes and continued in said service until December following that from June 'till December he served five months. That in June a portion of the Company of Malitia [militia] to which he belonged was ordered out. That this deponent volunteered and turned out for one month, that in July came home & then went out again in a few days in the place of Derick Van Vranken a brother of this deponent that he came home in a month and then in a day or two went out again into said service & continued a month till some time in August or September and then again as he thinks went as a substitute for his said brother relieved again in September or the forepart of October and then went again into service and continued for a month.

That this deponent was out five times and for a month at a time. That he volunteered [?] for himself or his brother as a substitute each time and served as near as he can recollect from June till December except the few days at home between the different periods of his service. That most of said time he was at Half Moon Point as a guard about thirteen miles from this deponents place of residence except that he was for a short time during said year at Fort Edward Saratoga but cannot say exactly at what time during the five month sthat he served this year, that the company in which he was during this year was commanded a part of the time by Nicholas Van Der Car, but he did not do much duty John Van Vranken was first Lieutenant & commanded company Nicholas P. Van Vranken was second Lieutenant.

That the company belonged to Col. Van Schoonhoven's regiment, & that in the year 1777 he again went into service in the month of June and continued until the month of October and in the whole four months. That this deponent volunteered to serve a month and after the month was up he again volunteered & the next month took the place of his brother Derick Van Vranken as a volunteer in his place and then again volunteered for [?] that this deponent recollects that he was out from June til October & served four months a month at a time & that there was but a day or two interval between each tour of duty.

That he was in Capt [?] Stephens Company in Col. Schoonhoven's Regiment, General Schuylers Brigade, was at Fort Edward the first month and the next month at Saratoga and then went to Stillwater and stayed a few days and then went to Niskayuna and remained there till after the taking of Burgoyne sometime in October.

That in the year 1778 in the month of June volunteered or turned out to go to Cherry Valley for a month, continued at Cherry Valley one month and was under Captain Collins returned home in July and soon after turned out to go to Fort Plane

[Plain] for one month and remained there a month was in Captain John Van Denbergh's Company, as during these two periods in Col. Schroonhoven's Regiment. There was but a company or two at Cherry Valley or at Fort Plane, that in the year 1779 he resided in Schenectady County a part of the time and went as a volunteer for one month to Stone Arabia in the now County of Montgomery went in September & returned in October served one month.

That he went from Schenectady does not recollect his Captain's name in this service particularly, but thinks it was Captain [?] Company in which he served, does not recollect who the Col was recollects that Major Abraham Oothout commanded the regiment and that the adjutant was John Lansing. And this deponent further saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively about [sic] all his service nor the precise length of time he served but he has served as long as stated as aforesaid besides he has been out a great number of times or scouts of which he has made no mention.

That this deponent has served not less than twelve months as a private and for which served he claims and that he served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority and that during the time he served he was not employed in any civil pursuit and that he done duty as a soldier of the revolution during the several times and the several periods aforesaid. (Signed) Gerret Van Vracken

Subscribed and sworn to this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1834 before me. Marcellus Weston, Justice of the Peace.

Letter in folder dated August 24, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.10903, it appears that Gerret Van Vracken or Garret Van Vranken was born March 10, 1757 at Niskayuna, Albany County, (Which was later Schenectady County) New York.

He applied for pension September 21, 1832 at which time he was residing at Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York, and alleged that he served in the New York Troops from June 1775 or 1776 to September 1777, at various times under Captains Nicholas Van Dereer, Nanning Vischer, Colling's, John VanDerburgh, Fonda, and Colonel van Schoonhoven, and was out many times in scouting parties.

The claim was not allowed, as there was no specific proof of the service as alleged.

The soldier died October 19, 1838 at Broadalbin, New York leaving no widow, but the following children survived him: Peter, William and John. The name of soldier's wife is not given, and there are no data as to their marriage.