

Pension Application for Derick Van Vranken

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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 Derick Van Vranken a resident of the town of Niskayuna in said County & state aged eighty 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 Niskayuna in the county of Schenectady, in the State of New York on the thirty first day of December 1750. The record of his age is contained in the church register of Niskayuna.

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

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

In the year 1775 he entered the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, as Captain Nanning Fisher's Company of Militia in Colonel James Van Schoonhoven's Regiment. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were John Van Vranken & Nicholas P. Van Vranken Lieutenants & Major Taylor.

He mounted guard into the passes in the vicinity of the place where he lived, along the Mohawk river on many occasions at one time for one month and two weeks.

He served in the several expeditions engaged in by the militia of his Regiment during the years 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, & 1782 still these his memory does not serve him sufficiently well to specify. It is well known that there were divers disaffected persons & families residing at or near the different posts & papers along our frontiers, who assisted the enemy & their savage allies & often joined them in their murderous & predatory incursions on these frontiers. Detachments of militia were in consequence often called out, and what with service with these & small reconnoitering parties. He was almost constantly on duty, and is certain that the different terms of his services when added together will exceed twelve months.

He has marched to and performed militia duty at Fort Edward, Ballston, Canajoharie, Palmertown, Lake George, Ticonderoga, & many other places.

While a member of the aforesaid company, he served for the term of three years therein as a sergeant.

He engaged in no battles or skirmishes during said war.

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 is 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. [No names appear]

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) Derick Van Vranken

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