

## **Pension Application for Jacob Van Woert or Van Wort**

S.23040

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Otsego Hholden at the Court House in the Village of Cooperstown in said County Jacob Van Wort of the Town of Oneonta in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged 78 years who being first duly sworne [sworn] according to Law doth on his oath make the following Statement in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the year 1775 he was a sergeant in the company of Jacob Lansing of the New York Line Militia and was with said Captain Lansing at Schoharie two weeks with Lieutenant Sharp to Schoharie in the [Low?] Corps two weeks with Lieutenant Teylman at Fort Hunter three weeks with Lieutenant Sharp at Schoharie two weeks with Capt Jacob Lansing at Fort Plain three weeks rather the same Capt Lansing to Fort Plain ten week with Capt. Lansing to the Mohawk three weeks in the year 1775 in all the [?] done in sais year 1775 four months and one week.

I Jacob Van Wort further declare that served in the Militia of the State of New York at Saratoga under the command of and personal direction of General Philip Schuyler employed in building Barracks for the malitita [militia] at Saratoga and [?] for the service of three months and he the said Van Wort further states that in the fall of 1777 he went to Bennington in the State of Vermont for the purpose of building a store house & Quarter house &c for the army of the revolutionary army and served three months and [??] and he the said Jacob Van Woert was next sent upon and express on the Death of General Montgomery to the Mohawk to convean [convene] the convention which General Schuyler was a subject about the first of December 1775 from thence to Boston carried letters containing news of the Death of General Montgomery from thence back to work on the Boats Buylding [building] at Albany was sent fromalbany [from Albany] by General Schuyler to Philadelphia with the wife and Baggage of the Contractor of the French army a Mr. Church or Carter was at Philadelphia and saw General Washington when he returned with the army of the defeat Earl Cornwallis from thence he came home was gone from home that time Southery [Southerly] more than a month that he drew his pay in Continental money was engaged the whole Revolutionary War at Embodied in the New York Levi must have served in all more more[sic] than three years.

By the Court when and in what year was you bornd [born]. I was borned in the City of Albany in the year 1754 in the State of New York by the Court have any record of your age I have a Record in my possession by the court where were you livin [Living] when you was called in the service Lived in City of Albany and where have you lived since the Revolutionary war I have have [sic] lived in the City of Albany and in the County of Otsego sin [since] the Revolutionary War how ware you called in the service I turned out as a volunteer as a carpenter and staid [state] the names of the Regular

officers who ware with the troops whene you served I can state now none of the officers names that what I have all Reddy Stated.

Did you ever rec'd a discharge [discharge] I never Rec'd a written discharge by t he Court state the name of parsons to whome you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to you[r] character for veracity and good believe your servicsses as a soldier of the Revolution.

I am acquainted with Isaac Quackenbush and with [blank](Signed) Jacob Van Wopert

Sworn & subscribed in open court to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832. Horace Lathrop Clerk.

February 3, 1932, letter in folder written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of January 20, relative to Jacob Van Wart (VanWoert, Van Wert), a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

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Jacob Van Woert or Van Wort was born in 1754 in Albany, New York.

While living in Albany, New York, he volunteered sometime in 1775, and served at various times until the fall of 1781, about three years in all, as sergeant and as an artificer engaged in building boards, storehouses, slaughterhouses and barracks for the army at Bennington, Vermont, Saratoga and Albany, New York, under Lieutenants Sharp and Tallman, Captain Jacob Lansing and Lieutenant Colonel Staats in the New York troops; he went as an express rider to the Mohawk and on to Boston with news of the death of General Montgomery; during the period of his service, was a part of the time under the personal direction of General Philip Schuyler; was sent by him from Albany to Philadelphia with the wife and baggage of the contractor of the French army.

After the Revolutionary War, he lived in Albany, New York, for about thirty years, then moved to Oneonta, Otsego County, New York, where he was living when pension was allowed on his application executed October 15, 1832.

The papers in the pension claim of Jacob Van Woert or Van Wort contain no reference to wife or children.