

## **Pension Application for Peter Verano**

S.18638

Declaration. Revolutionary Claim, under an Act of Congress, Passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1832.

State of Vermont

Franklin County Probate Court

District of Georgia SS.

July 27<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

Personally appeared in open Court, being the Probate Court for the County of Franklin, and a Court of Record for said County, and State of Vermont, as will appear by the first section of a Statute Law of said State, entitled "An act, constituting Probate Courts Courts, [sic] of Record"—passed November 15<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1821, [see 1<sup>st</sup>. section of said act,] Peter Verano aged 73 years, resident in Swanton in said County, 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 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1832.

He entered the service of the United States at Belisle in the Province of Lower Canada (where he then resided) in the forepart of sept 1775 (the day of the month he cannot recollect) a volunteer, in Col James Livingston[s] Regiment composed of Canadian under Capt Antoine Minor & Lieut Baloix he mustered at Belisle af's [aforesaid] and after staying there a while he marched to Sorrel, sometime in Oct 1775 on hearing that Gen. Carlton the English General had been defeated by the Americans at or near a place now called St. Antoine—on the arrival of the American Army at Sorrel the enemy the [line cut off] enemy under Col McLain retreated from that place towards Quebec—the Americans took possession of the Town and commenced erecting fortifications on the land – and burnt some floating Batteries to obstruct the River St. Lawrence, Col Livingston's Regt with other American Forces remained until the middle of November 1775 when the applicant made a further engagement by water entering at Sorrel on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1775 for six months under the same officers—and immediately after his last mentioned engagement he marched with the American Army to Quebec where the American Army arrived in the forepart of December 1775 and commenced the siege of the city which continued until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1775 when the American Army about midnight in a heavy snow storm made an assault on the Lower Town of Quebec—one division of the American Army was commanded by Col Arnold & the other by Gen Montgomery the applicant belonged to Col Arnolds division.

The Americans had not proceeded far into the lower Town before Gen Montgomery was killed by a discharge of Artillery and his division forced to retreat. The division under Gen. Arnold was defeated. Arnold was wounded—and the said applicant with others was taken prisoner. The army under Arnold entered Quebec by way of St. Rocks and every ;man in the American Army had white paper on his hat so that they could be distinguished in the dark from the enemy. The applicant was taken prisoner by a party of the enemy under Col McLain and he was so near him that he could hear him huzza for the King. The British called him (the applicant) a rebel and

traitor and pointing to the body of Montgomery lying dead said "See there your general. The said applicant was confined a prisoner of War for more than two months when he was released by his promising not to take up arms again against the British.

The very same day that he was released he joined the American Army at Beaufort under Arnold and served in Col Livingston's Regiment until the twenty fourth day of April 1776 when he received a furlough from Col Livingston to return home and in the fore part of June after on the retreat of the Americans from Quebec he received his discharge - but his engagement had expired on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May previous—his whole term of service being eight months.

He recollects the names of the following officers in the American service—Gen Montgomery—Col. Arnold—Col Livingston—Major Livingston and Capt Livingston—Capt Antoine Minor, Lieut Bulius, Capt Antoine Paulain, Capt Laneus—he knows very little about the officers in the American army except those of Col Livingstons Regt and they were principally Canadians.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present. (Signed) Peter Verano.

John Gates Jr., Register of the Court of Probate for the district aforesaid. 27 July AD 1832.