

Pension Application for Abraham Vosburgh

S.23471

Handwritten note: *b 1755 in Albany N.Y. and always resided there up to July 21, 1832.*

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 21st day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting Albany Vosburgh a resident of the City of Albany in the County of Albany and State of New York aged seventy seven 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.

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

In the summer of 1776 he was enrolled as a volunteer and private in a company of Malitia and marched by Jacob Lansing and marched from Albany where he resided by the way of Saratoga and Sandy Hill to Lake George. Here there were regular troops under the command of Genl Peter Gansevoort he was absent one month and a half. His other officers as now recollected by him were Col. Philip Schuyler and Major Abraham Fonda. And he further declares that in the summer of 1777 he was again enrolled as a volunteer & private in Capt Jacob Lansing's Company of Malitia and marched from Albany by the way of Schenectady to Schoharie County and was stationed at the old stone church then used as an called the upper fort. He saw no regular troops at this station. He was absent on duty one month and a half.

He only other officer whom he now recollects was Col. Harmanus Wendall. And he further declares That in the summer of 1778 he was again enrolled as a volunteer and private in Captain Jacob Lansing's Company of Malitia and marched from Albany to Schoharie and was stationed as before at the old stone church or upper fort. On their march thither they took what was called the old Schoharie Road he saw no regular troops. He was absent seven weeks. He does not now recollect the names of his other officers.

And he further declares that in 1779 he was again enrolled as a volunteer and private in Captain Jacob Lansings Company of Malitia and marched from Albany to Fort Hunter after being here a month & more he was detached from his Company and placed under the command of Lieutenant Conrad Sharpe and went to Cobleskill where he remained three weeks he was absent at this time in all about two months. His only other officer now recollects was Major Abraham Fonda and that in the fall of the same year last aforesaid he went again under the same officers to Fort Hunter and was absent two months and he further declares that in the summer of 1782 he was again enrolled as a volunteer and private in Captain Jacob Lansing's Company of Malitia and marched from Albany by the way of Schenectady & Fort Hunter and other places along the Mohawk River to Fort Plain that after having been here a month and better he went to Bowman's Creek where they remained near a month longer & then returned home having been absent two months and more. His other officers as he

now recollects were Major Fonda and Lieutenant Levinus Winne. In giving the names of the officers for each of the above times that he was enrolled & turned out. He may owing to the lapse of time since those services were performed have fallen into some mistake but as to the service themselves he speaks positively & unequivocally and declares that they were performed.

And he further declares that he was during the whole of the revolutionary war when at home called upon every week and frequently three times a week either to stand guard for the protection of the City during night or when alarms were given or at the drill which were numerous during the war and that these various last mentioned services rendered at different times would taken together be equal to at least four months militia duty.

And he further declares that he was born in the City of Albany in the country and state aforesaid in the year 1755 that he has resided in the said City of Albany ever since and that the only record he now has of his age is contained in his family bible.

He has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid services and never had any. That the aforesaid officers are to the best of his knowledge and belief all dead & if not he is unacquainted with their places of residence and that there is on person now living to his knowledge who can testify to my said services or any part except such as have been sworn to by Jacob Vosburgh whose affidavit is here unto annexed.

And 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 and if any only on that of the agency of the State of New York.

And he further declares that the whole of his aforesaid services amount to one year & two months. I certify that the foregoing was or then is the [?] before being sworn to. J. G. Wasson, Clk.

(Signed with his mark) Abraham Vosburgh.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and aforesaid. J. G. Wasson, Clk

Letter in folder dated August 21, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Revolutionary War soldiers, Cornelius Bulson or Bulsing and Abraham Vosburgh.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land made to the United States and based on the military service of soldiers in that war. A careful search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the service of a Cornelius Bulson, searched under all spellings.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, S.23471, based on the military service of Abraham Vosburgh. With the exception of Abraham I. Vosburgh, S.23469, whose history was sent you may 24, 1839, this is the only Abraham Vosburgh found in the Revolutionary War records of this office who was born as late as 1754 and lived on the west side of the Hudson River.

Abraham Vosburgh (S.23471) was born in 1755 in Albany, Albany County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Albany, he enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from sometime in the summer of 1776, one and one half months in Captain Jacob Lansing's company in Colonel Philip Schuyler's regiment; from sometime in the summer of 1777, one and one half months in captain Jacob Lansing's company in Colonel Harmanus Wendall's regiment from sometime in the summer of 1777, one and one half months in Captain Jacob Lansing's company in Colonel Harmanus Wendall's regiment from sometime in the summer of 1778, seven weeks in captain Jacob Lansing's company; in 1779, he served about five weeks in Captain Jacob Lansing's company when he was detached and served under Lieutenant Conrad Sharpe, serving in all about two months; from sometime in the fall of 1779, two months in Captain Jacob Lansing's company; from sometime in the summer of 1782, over two months in captain Jacob Lansing's company; he also served various other periods during the Revolution, amounting to at least four months in all, and was engaged in guard duty and drilling.

Abraham Vosburgh was allowed pension on his application executed July 21, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Albany, New York.

One Jacob Vosburgh made affidavit in Albany County, New York, in 1832 that he served in the Revolution with Abraham Vosburgh, relationship not given. There are no further data relative to the family of Abraham Vosburgh.

Abraham Vosburgh, Certificate 5021, issued February 1, 1833, rate \$33.33 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of June 7, 1832, New York Agency.