

Pension Application for Jacob Vosburgh

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Sstate of New York

Monroe County SS

On this sixth day of September 1842 personally appeared in open court before Selah Mathews Judge of the Rochester City Mayors Court no sitting Jacob Vosburgh a resident of said City of Rochester in said County & State aged eighty two years on the 29th day of July last past 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 some time in the spring of 1777 he enlisted as a volunteer in the Militia of the State of New York under General Schuyler but what particular day or month in said spring Declarant cannot positively state but from his best recollection & belief and from the circumstance of its being about the time Albany Ticonderoga and Fort Stanwix were first declared to be in the Northern department. And at the time when General Schuyler first took command of the Northern Department thinks it was on or about the first day of ;May 1777.

That this declarant was in the skirmish a battle of Oriskany where the enemy consisted of Germans Tories & Indians.

That this declarant was in the battle when German Herkimer fell.

That said Declarant was in the service & recollect well the time when the enws came that General Gates was to supersede Gen. Schuyler. That this declarant was in the battle of Saratoga, and also in the battle which soon followed in which Colonel Breyman was killed and also General Fraser (British leaders) was slain. That this declarant was one of the fourteen hundred posted in the heights opposite the ford of Saratoga.

That this declarant was in the battle at Stillwater.

That this Declarant was in the service under General Gates when Burgoyne surrendered himself & army to the Americans which took place in the latter part of October or first of November 1777 that this declarant then marched to Albany.

That this Declarant was in the skirmish on Herkimer Flats or German Flats when the whole flats were laid waste by the Indians under the Command of Brant, that this declarant was one of the four hundred militiamen who went in pursuit of the Indians as far Edmestons Plantation on the Unadilla river where three bodies of the Americans were found dead who were taken prisoners by the Indians. This [?] in Herkimer flats took place in the latter part of August 1778.

That this declarant was in a battle when a man by the name of Miler was Captain & Van Rensselaer was Colonel in which fight Captain Miller was wounded in the shoulder & that by a rifle ball & that he this declarant help carry the said Miller from the battle ground & that this declarant at one time during the war marched in pursuit of the Indians through the wilderness as far as Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain and that during that campaign this declarant had nothing to subsist upon but roots which he dug with his own hands for the space of three days.

That this Declarant was in the Battle at Claverack & also in the Battle in Bemus' Heights that this declarant continued in the Revolutionary service until the war was closed and peace proclaimed & received compensation for his services as a private and that this declarant was regularly discharged & received his discharge in writing but since that time but at what particular place or time this declarant does not recollect nor has he been able to ascertain said discharge has been lost.

That this declarant has no documentary evidence of his service the time of his entering the service or his discharge.

That this declarant knows of no persons now living who from person knowledge can make the affidavit relation to that fact.

That this declarant was acquainted with Jehohonkim Vosburgh, Wm VanValkenburgh, Wm. Vosburgh & Jeremiah Miller &c who this declarant thinks belonged some part of the time in the Revolution to the same Regiment this declarant belonged to or at least some of them.

That this declarant in 1838 thought he would try to obtain a pension & for that purpose sent to their place of residences in order to obtain their affidavits of his service but ascertained all were dead except Jeroyakim Vosburgh & Wm Van Valkinburgh who belonged to the Regiment to which declarant belonged but a short time.

And consequently this declarant supposing their affidavits now sufficient proof deferred applying for a pension until the present.

That this declarant in the same year that he was discharged & peace proclaimed was married.

That his wife is still living with him in said County and is ten days older than this declarant. That this declarant and wife are both unable to take care of themselves.

That this declarant after ascertaining in 1838 that all his Brethren Revolutionary soldiers were dead with whom he was acquainted except the two above named & supposing their affidavits not sufficient proof of his this declarant service in which to found an application concluded not to ask his country for a pension but from necessity and from a consideration of his services in the Revolution he this Declarant now asks for a pension.

That this declarant 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.

That at the time this Delcarant volunteered he was a resident of Columbia County in the State of New York. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Vosburgh

Subscribed & sworn this 6th day of September 1892 Alfred Ely. Clerk.