

Pension Application for Thomas Vrandenburgh

S.23987

State of Vermont

District of Addison SS.

On this 18th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Probate Court for the said District of Addison being a Court of record, now sitting, Thomas Vrandenburgh, a resident in Bristol in the County of Addison aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United State[s] under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

At a place called Nine Partners, Dutchess County, State of New York, in the spring of the year I think in the month of March, the District, in which I lived were required to furnish some men for the service, and they employed me, & Inlisted [enlisted] accordingly, or engaged for the term of nine months in a company of militia, and went on to Fishkill, without any particular organization;, and without officer, where we were to receive officers:--

After we arrived at Fishkill, thirty of our men, of whom I was one, were selected out, and put into a company commanded by Lieutenant Johnson, who then took the command of the company as Captain and I suppose was appointed to that office, in a regiment commanded by Colonel Courtland, who were understood by us to be Continental officers:--

We were enlisted for the purpose of going on to the frontiers further west, to guard the lines against the Indians, but the above mentioned company needing more troops, we were selected & detained for that purpose. Some others were put into the Artillery to got to West Point—and the rest were sent to the frontier.

At Fishkill we were put on board boats and went down the river to King's ferry, and were landed on the west side of the river—and went to a place called Pompin Plains, I should think about forth miles from the river:--There we remained, with the American Army, except when sent out on Scouts &c.—until after harvest. While here I was employed part of the time, in guarding the mail on the route from Kings Ferry to the Army. While on this service, thirty of us were stationed at a block house at a place called Smith's Clove about a mile from the road twelve of our men with the mail each time from the River half way to the army—when we were not & relieved by another party consisting of the same number:--

When not occupied in guarding the mail, we were sent out on Scouts, guarding the lines against the tories, and were under the command of Capt. Johnson. While on one excursion through the woods, we came across a company of tories, consisting of about sixty,--twice our number, surprised them, while scattered from each other, fired upon them, and killed one man instantly; the remainder relocated, and were pursued by one party, and a few others were killed in the pursuit;:--

After harvest, the army was moved to Kings Ferry, and were stationed on the east side of the river. After remaining here awhile, and some time in the fall, I was sent

with other troops into the woods, on the west side of the River for the purpose of cutting wood & carrying it to the river & thence carrying it in boats to West Point:--

And before the time of our discharge we were sent to Newburgh, opposite Fishkill, to cut wood,--where I was employed until the nine months, for what he enlisted expired.—When I was discharged at said Newburgh, just before Christmas:--

This service was performed in 1781 or 1782, I think the latter. I am confident it was the last year any troops were raised for the war, and think the regular troops were discharged the year following:--General Washington was with the army both at Pompin Plain & at Kings Ferry. And at each place, while I was present, there was a [showfight?] and at the last mentioned place I recollect seeing on his home, at the head of one of the parties.

I was born at Nine Partners in the month of January 1760. When an infant, as I understood, according to the custom of the Dutch inhabitants I was carried to a place called the Flatts, near the River opposite Esopus and there christened; and that a record of my age was there made by the minister. But I have never seen it, and depend upon my recollection, as to the time of my birth.

I continued to reside at the Nine Partners, until the next year after the service above mentioned;--when I removed to Hoosick in the County of Rensselaer, New York, there I remained five or six years, and having got married, I removed to Marlborough Addison County, Vermont, and remained there & in Monkton until about thirty five years ago, when I removed to Bristol in the County of Addison Vermont, where I have ever since resided.

I had a written discharge, which I left at the Nine Partners, when I left that place the year after I received it and have not since seen it and not being able to read or write, I am not able to recollect, by whom it was signed.

I did not think it to be of any importance to keep it. At the time one term of enlistment expired, that part of the company consisting of thirty, mentioned above, were paraded and were individually called out & the discharge was handed to each of the [?] officers of the company.

I have no documentary evidence of my service, and I know of no person living by whom I can prove it—as all, who then knew me or such knowledge of my service, resided in the Nine Partners, from which I removed the year following, and have never since been there.

I refer to Elder David Hendee, Robert Holley, Samuel H. Holley, Harvey Munnill & Daniel E. Parmela, Esquires in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

And the said Thomas Vradenburgh 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) Thomas Vradenburgh

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Saml Swift, Judge.