

Pension Application for Simon J. VanAntwerp

S.28924 [note in file—It would seem that the papers in this jacket pertain to two soldiers with name Simon VanAntwerp.]

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Simon J. VanAntwerp a resident of the town of Niskayuna in aid County & State, aged Eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress Passed June 7th 1832.

He was born in the town of Schaghticoke in the County of Albany in the said State on the second day of February 1751. He has no record of his age. But has a marriage license hereto annexed by which it will appear that he was old enough to bear arms in the year 1771.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the Revolution he was living in the township of Schenectady and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place & he now lives in the town of Niskayuna aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United Sates under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of September 1775 he enlisted in Captain Tacarus VanDeBogart's Company of Artificers for the term of three months and served out said term of three month sin full at Tyconderoga. [Ticonderoga.]

On this 6th day of March 1776 he enlisted in Captain Ahasnerus Marselius's Company of Artificers & served therein from said 6th day of March until the 20th day of November 1776. He was while under this enlistment employed in the erection of barracks, storehouses and works of defence at Fort Ann & Lake George.

The remainder of his services during said war, were performed in Captain Thomas B. Banker's Company of Militia in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. His other Company & field officers whom he recollects were John B. Vrooman & Benjamin Young Lieutenants. Christopher C. Yates Lt Col. & Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors. From the year 1776 as aforesaid until the year 1783 when the war closed, he served under one engagement in said Company of Captain Thomas B. Banker.

The member of said company in common with those of the other companies in said Regiment were constantly engaged in mounting guard at Schenectady which was garrisoned during the war. The claimant besides mounting guard as aforesaid was engaged whenever called upon in expeditions into the surrounding country and at posts and passes where the enemy were expected to make an attack. He has served also in many patrolling & reconnoitering parties, and in search of parties of tories wherever they were known to rendezvous. His memory does not serve him sufficiently well to specify the dates of these several expeditions and excursions, nor how long he

served in each. The principal ones in which he engaged, are as near as he can recollect them as follows.

He was on duty in the northern campaign in the summer & fall of the year 1777, which eventuated in the surrender of Burgoyne and his army. He was encamped at Stillwater, Fort Edward, Bemis's Heights & the other posts occupied by the American army during said campaign. He was in the Battle of the 19th Sepr & the several encounters which took place during the retreat of General Schuyler—He was also in the Battle of Bemis's Heights. The term for which he served in this expedition was three months & more.

He was engaged in an expedition to Jessup's patent with the troops under Col. Warner in pursuit of tories.

He served as a guard with a detachment of men called out to guard provisions for the use of the American Army from Fort Edward to Fort Ann.

He was at Sacondaga under Command of his captain & then engaged in erecting fortifications.

He was at Ballston under command of Major Swits aforesaid.

He was at the Upper fort of Schoharie several weeks, also at Fort Hunter & Caughnawaga. He has performed garrison duty at Stone Arabia on several occasions.

As a scout in pursuit of tories at Norman's Kill & Clifton Park. He has been called out on alarms to Fort Plank & fort Plain—and performed many other tours of duty which as he kept no memorandum of the same he cannot possibly specify. While in said company of Captain Thomas B. Banker he served the whole time from the year 1776 until the end of said war as orderly sergeant.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Captains VanSlyck, Oothout, Jellis Fonda 7 their companies, Col. Willett, Col. Gaansevoort, Colonels VanDyck, Cortland, Dubois, Generals Schuyler, Gates, Arnold & many others.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, Jacob Swits and James V.S. Ryley.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except eh present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Simon J VanAntwerp.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk

There is a marriage certificate in this file for Helena Vedder, Spinster and Simon Jansen VanAntwerpen, dated February 23, 1771.