

Pension Application for Gloudey VanDeusen

S.16280

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord once thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting, Gloudy VanDeusen, a resident of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting, Gloudy VanDeusen, a resident of the town of Palatine in said County, aged seventy seven years and upwards, 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.

He was born on the 27th day of September 1754 in the town of Claverack in the (then county of Albany, now) County of Columbia in said Sate. He has no record of his age except that contained in the family Bible now in possession of his brother James VanDeusen.

When called into service he lived in said town of Claverack—he lived there after the revolutionary war and continued to reside there until about 38 years ago, when he removed to said town of Palatine, and has lived there ever since.

He was called into the service of the United States in the year 1775, the precise time of the year he cannot now recollect. He was enrolled in the Company of militia commanded by Captain Casparus Conyne in the Regiment whereof Henry VanRensselaer was Colonel. His other Company & Field officers were John Osterhout First Lieutenant, James Elton second Lieutenant—Richard Aseltine Major—said Regiment was attached to the Brigade under the command of General Robert Van Rensselaer. Sometime in the year 1778, captain Casparus Conyne resigned his station, and John Osterhout was appointed Captain in his stead & served as such till the end of said war.

He (the claimant) performed military service with the detachments of militia from said Regiment, that were from time to time ordered out, sometimes to cooperate with the regular troops at other times to defend the inhabitants of different settlements on the frontiers in the vicinity of the place where he lived from the depredations of a parties of tories. In these services he was employed for a longer or shorter period of every year from the year 1775 until the termination of said war. How often he was out every year, and how long in each expedition, it is impossible and how long in each expedition, it is impossible for him to remember—yet he conscientiously believes that the time her served his country in the garrison & in the field greatly exceeds two years. The country through which he marched, and the principal expeditions in which he engaged, were as follows: to wit.

In the month of January 1776, he was with the militia near Johnstown, when Sir John Johnson and his tenants were disarmed and surrendered themselves prisoners of war. He was several times during the years 1776 & 1777 on the march up the Hudson river and once as far as Stillwater with detachments of militia from

Claverack a foresaid with the design to repel reported incursions of the enemy; which incursions however were not made.

In the fall of the year 1777, he was in service with the forces under General Schuyler, Gates & Arnold at Fort Edward, Stillwater & places in that vicinity previous to and at the time of the surrender of Burgoyne and his army. He was in the decisive battle at Bemis's heights; and this is the only regular battle in which he was engaged. He has performed garrison duties at different times at Fort Plank & Hunter & at Johnston & Stone Arabia – was with the militia from Schenectady and Claverack under General VanRensselaer in the fall of the year 1780, when Colonel Brown was killed by the enemy. On one occasion he was out with his regiment to nine partners in Dutchess County in pursuit of a large party of tories, nearly one hundred of whom were apprehended, and taken to Exeter in New Hampshire—he was with the detachment from said Regiment that escorted said tories to Exeter aforesaid. Taghkaunic [Taghkanic] and other places between 6 & 14 miles from the town where he resided, were infested very often with tories. He engaged in several expeditions to these places, and assisted in apprehending these disaffected persons, & escorting them to Albany and other places designated.

He was out on numerous occasions as a scout & with reconnoitering parties, and performed sentinel duty several days every week & often in the night as well [as] during the day. He went with a party of twelve men to Cocksackie [Coxsackie] by order of the Committee of Safety in Claverack & apprehended a tory by the name of Stephen Dukeland, whom he took to Albany where said Stephen Dukeland was tried and condemned to be hung.

But if he should make the attempt, it would be impossible for him to specify the different periods & tours of service in which he engaged in said war. From the exposed situation of that district of Country in which he lived, the militia had to be constantly on the alert, and his services were accordingly constantly required & rendered.

The following on the Regiments which he recollects & the names of some of the Regular officers whom he recollects, or were with the troops where he served: viz. Major Isaac Hoose & the regiment of militia to which he was attached. Generals Gansevoort, Ten Broeck, and the other officers whose names are given in this declaration.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Vix the Reverend Abraham VanHorne and David J. Zeilley.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no persons now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except John Etting of the City of Hudson in said State (whose deposition is hereunto annexed), & his brother James VanDuszen, whose deposition is also annexed.

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. (Signed) Gloudey VanDuesen

Subscribed & Sworn the day & year aforesaid in open court. Geo: D. Ferguson,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 13, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.16280, it appears that Gloudey or Glondey Van Deusen (son of John or Johannes Van Deusen of Claverack, New York) was born September 27, 1754 at Claverack, New York.

While residing at said Claverack, he enlisted in 1776 and served at various times until 1782 in captains Casparus Conyne's and John Osterhout's Company, Colonel Henry Van Rensselaer's New York Regiment, he was at the capture of Sir John Johnson, at the second battle of Stillwater and at the surrender of Burgoyne, he served in all more than two years, one year as a sergeant and the rest as a private.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, while a resident of Palatine, Montgomery County, New York.

It is stated that soldier was a connection of "Vice President Van Buren".

Children are referred to in 1850, no names are given.

It also appears in said claim that soldier's father, John (Johannes) Van Deusen was chairman of the Committee of Safety, for the town of Claverack, during the whole war.