

Pension Application for Garret VanEps

W.2200 (Widow: Sarah)

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Schenectady now sitting Garrot [Garret] VanEps a resident of the Town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady aforesaid. Aged sixty eight years and upwards and who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born at the City of Schenectady in the State of New York in the Then County of Albany now County of Schenectady & as by the annexed Record of his age appears on the 30th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty four. The Record of his age is taken from the Book of Records of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church in the City of Schenectady that he has always resided within a few miles of the City of Schenectady and resides there now in the Town of Glenville aforesaid.

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

That in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty he was drafted into the Company of Captain Abraham VanEps. That he this deponent marched with the said Company from the City of Schenectady to a place called Stone Arabia that the Company was stationed there under Major Jellis A. Fonda to Guard the Fort and the adjacent Country that this deponent continued there for the term for four months he was discharged he had no discharge in writing. That he returned home and in the next spring [sentence ends and there is a blank place on the page]

This deponent in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one was again drafted into the said Company of Abraham VanEps in the Militia of the State of New York in the Regiment whereof M. Wemple was Colonel. That the Company with the Regiment marched from Schenectady to a place called Fort Plank about thirty miles from the said City of Schenectady that he continued there doing duty for the term of three months for which he was drafted on guard on Scouts in pursuit of Indians and Scouring the Country of the Common Enemy at the expiration whereof he was Honorably discharged he had no discharge in writing he did all kinds of duty as a faithful militia soldier. And then returned home to Schenectady and this deponent further says [sentence ends and there is a blank place on the page]

That he went at one time on a scout with a small company to Clifton Park and Ballston on a scout which lasted about three days the object was to catch the famous Joe Bettis.

And further deponent says that from the year 1780 he was constantly on the alert to keep the defense of his Country that besides the services above enumerated he was frequently called out on sudden emergencies to do Military services & to go on

Scouts in search of Indians & Tories who were a constant annoyance to the City of Schenectady & vicinity where deponent resided.

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 e served, or as he can recollect, viz: Col Willet, Col Wemple, Major Swits, Major Fonda, Capt Van Eps, Captain Vrooman.

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 the deposition hereto 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 William Orsburn, Peter Saunders, Barent Sanders and John T. TenEyck.

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 with his mark) Garret VanEps

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