

Pension Application for Cornelius Z. Van Santvoord

S.32035

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 & for said County, Cornelius Z. Van Santvoord as resident of the City of Schenectady in said County & State, aged upwards of seventy-five years, 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 7, 1832.

He was born on the 22d day of May 1757, in the then township, now City of Schenectady aforesaid. He lived there at the commencement of the revolutionary war, also since said war & he lives there now.

In the spring of the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, and then received a commission as Ensign in captain Abraham Oothaout's company of Militia of foot in said township in the regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel, which company according to the best of his recollection was signed by Nath^l Woodhull President of the Provincial Congress. But on his receiving a new commission as herein after stated, he took no care of the commission first named, so that the same was lost or mislaid. His new commission bears date the 20th day of June 1778 & is signed by George Clinton Governor of the State of New York and his hereunto annexed. His other company & field officers were John Roseboom & Nicholas Barheydt Lieutenants, Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors, John Van Driesen Adjutant, & Christopher Peek Quarter Master.

To give the notate of general circumstances of his service, it may be proper to observe that Schenectady was garrisoned during the war aforesaid, and that the militia of the place were required to guard it. In this service they engaged constantly by when not called out to distance posts [sic] or to serve as patrols & scouts in the vicinity.

The claimant engaged in the duties aforesaid in common with the rest of the militia. To show the country through which he marched he will state some of the principal expeditions in which he engaged.

His first excursion was with General Schuyler to German flatts in 1776 in the month of June. General Schuyler then held a treaty with the Indians. The same year he marched to Fort Edward, Fort Ann & [V?] Renesborough.

In 1777 to Lake George, Fort Edward, Fort Miller -- and served at the other posts occupied by the American Army under general Schuyler in his retreat.

To Sacondaga under General James Clinton, to fort Hunter twice—Caughnawaga, Johnstown, Canajoharie, for Plank,fort Plain, Schoharie, Cobleskill, Ballston & Stone Arabia—to fort Ann & Skenesborough to guard boats with provisions for the use of the army.

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: Generals Schuyler, Arnold, Gates, Colonels Cortland, Willett, Dubois, Wisenfelt, Harper, Generals Gaansevoort & Ten Broeck, and all the officers of Colonel Wemple's Regiment aforesaid with their companies—also Adjutant Jellis A. Fonda &c &c &c.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

Than his commission above referred to & hereto annexed.

He has no other documentary evidence, yet knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He the claimant is the same person named in said commission as "Cornelius Van Santvoort he at that time did not use the letter "Z" in his name.

The following are then names of person 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 Giles F. Yates & of the City of Schenectady aforesaid.

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) Cornl Z. Van Satnvoord.

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