

**Pension Application for Richard Van Vrankan or Van Vranken**

S.11623

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery and State of New York, Richard Van Vranken a resident of the Town of Broadalbin in the County & State aforesaid aged sixty nine 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. Your applicant says that in the year 1779 he volunteered in the militia service in a company commanded by Captain Brower Banker, Lieutenant John Vrooman, Ensign Schermehorn, belonging to Colonel Wemple's Regiment. He resided at Schenectady and went from there under said officers to Herkimer that he went out sometime in the month of August of that year the day he cannot state, that he was out at that time at least those weeks. Your applicant says that he in the fall of that year he again went from Schenectady, under the same officers as above mentioned to Fort Plank two miles beyond Fort Plain, Montgomery County. That he was out two weeks.

Your applicant says that in the year 1780 and 1781, that sometimes he was commanded by one captain, and then again by an other belonging to the same Regiment above mentioned. That he was out during those years at divers times and places which this applicant cannot recollect so as to state the particulars; that he was out in the service of the Revolutionary War, most than one year in the whole, that the services he rendered were performed and done in the County of Tryon, now called Montgomery, on the Frontiers of this County & by lying at the different Forts, situate in said County of Tryon for the purpose of watching the Tories and British from destroying the lives and property of the Whigs. Your applicant says that he was born at Schenectady in the year 1763. That the only record he has of his age is an old Bible of his father's family, which is in possession his brothers in law being at Schenectady. Your applicant says that at the time he entered the service he lived at Schenectady.

And that all the services he done was done by him as a volunteer your applicant says, that, he has resided since the Revolution in the Town of Broadalbin & County & State aforesaid. He knows of no person by whom he can prove the services and has no documentary evidences.

He was acquainted with no officers of the regulars & does not recollect any other circumstances than have been stated by him.

He is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution to wit-- William Groom, William Tomlison.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. He declares a passion for one year as a private & no more. (Signed) Richard Van Vrankan. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September. Geo. D. Ferguson.