

Pension Application for John Burke

S.28665

Died Nov 13, 1852

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectady now sitting John Burke a resident of the Town of Niskayuna in the County of Schenectady aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the Revolution and served as hereinafter stated under the following named officers.

That he was born in the County of Montgomery (in Palatine Township) in the State of New York on the tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, that he has no record of his age that he continued to reside in the place where he was born with his parents until the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight the age of fourteen years when deponent enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Scise (1) in the Regiment of Col. Gansevort in the State Troops of the State of New York Eldert Clement (2) was Lieutenant and Jellis Fonda was Ensign. This deponent enlisted in the month of June A.D. 1778 for the term of two years. And this deponent further says that he served the time of his enlistment two years faithfully as a soldier on fatigue and in the garrison. The time he enlisted was in the month of June in the year 1778 and deponent served faithfully as aforesaid until June 1780 when he was honorably discharged.

And deponent further says that he together with the Company of Captain Scise, (3) remained until January 1779 at Fort Stanyx [Stanwix] at which place it first rendezvoused Deponent did such kind of military duty there as was required of him and as his age would allow of either in the garrison or on fatigue. And deponent further says that he together with the said company in the month of January 1779 was marched from Fort Stanyx to the City of Schenectady where the company and this deponent remained until the month of March 1779. The said Captain Scise and his company were then ordered to Albany to Rendezvous there and in its vicinity where this deponent in said company remained until the year 1780 until the month of June that year when this deponent was regularly and honorably discharged having served for the space of two years. He was once marched to West Point for a short time and was awhile at Greenbush near Albany he has always resided since the time of his discharge from the army in the Town of Niskayuna in the County of Schenectady and now resides there. That he can not without inconvenience procure a clergyman to certify for him. That most of those whom he knew in the service in the Revolutionary War are dead he hopes however to prove his services by one living witness.

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: Col. Gansevort, Capt. Sice, Gen. Schuyler, (4) Gen. Clinton, (5) Capt Sharp, (6) Col. Van Rensselaer.

He received written discharge from the service which has been lost a long time since.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the depositions to be hereto annexed of Gershom VanDerheyden (7) who deponent recollects in the said army.

The following are the names of persons to whom his is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for voracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: David VanDerheyden, Gershom VanDerheyden, Cornelius Tymeson, Garret Benson, Simon J. VanAntwerp, Adam Vrooman.

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) John Burke

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

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1. John enlisted as a private for 3 years in Captain Aaron Aorson's Company (Fifth Company) on June 9, 1777, in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. He was discharged on June 9, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, Folder 41, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The other company officers were John Ball as the First Lieutenant, Gerrit Staats as the Second Lieutenant and the Ensign was Eldert Ament.
3. There was no officer by the name of Scise in the New York Continental Regiments. It is possible as he thought Eldert Clement was an officer when it was Eldert Ament that he meant George Sytez who had served as a lieutenant, adjutant and on July 1, 1780 was appointed captain. George served in the Third New York from November 21, 1776 to January 1, 1781. The First and Third New York Regiments were consolidated and George then served as a Captain in the First New York.
4. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
5. Brigadier General James Clinton of the Continental Army.
6. After John was discharged from the Third New York he returned home and served in Captain George Sharpe's Company in the Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Lieutenant Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer served in this regiment.

7. Gershom VanDerheyden enlisted as a private in Captain Aorson's Company on November 18, 1776 for "During War".