

Pension Application for Barent Dubois

S.15105

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, appeared in open Court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Greene, now sitting Barent Dubois a resident of the town of Catskill, in the county of Greene, and State of New York, aged seventy two 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, and served as herein stated.

That he was born on the twenty eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine, as appears from the family record, and in the town of Catskill, in the then County of Albany, but now in the said County of Greene, and State of New York.

That during the years 1777, 1778 and 1779 he was drafted six times to go to Schoharrie, in the then County of Albany and was a month at each time of said draft at Schoharrie in the forts at that place. That he is not able to remember the particular months during those years, that he was at Schoharrie. That Col. Peter Vrooman (1) of Schoharie commanded the militia at that place during those times, and while the Continental troops were there, they were commanded by Col. Butler. (2) That part of the said times, he was in companies commanded by captains Van Schaick, (3) Houghtaling, and Van Bergen.

That in July 1777, he went as a substitute, and served for three months near Peekskill, at Fort Independence in the state of New York, in the company commanded by Captain English, (4) and Goshar Weeks was the Lieutenant of the Company, Col. Hopkins (5) commanded militia at Fort Independence, that there were no continental troops there. That the militia were stationed there to give the alarm to the troops at Fort Montgomery, if the enemy came up the river General George Clinton (6) commanded the troops at Fort Montgomery.

That in the month of October 1777, all the militia being called to go to Stillwater, he went there, and joined the army under the command of General Schuyler (7) and after remaining there a short time, he was ordered to go to Loonenburgh, now the town of Athens in the County of Greene, to quell the Tories there, that he went there in the Company Commanded by Captain John Witbeck (8) and remained there about three or four weeks.

That during the year 1779 when General James Clinton (9) at the north and General Sullivan at the south with the troops under their command, were endeavouring to form a junction of their forces on the Susquehannah river, he was a volunteer to ride as one of the expresses, and served in that capacity for three months, carrying communications to and from the above named commanding officers. That he was associated with Jacob Van Vehton, in the said town of Catskill.

That in the year 1779, in the month of October, he was drafted and went to Stone Roby, up the Mohawk river, for two months, until the twenty fifth day of December of that year. That he was in the Company commanded by Captain VanSchaick, that General TenBroeck (10) was in command at Stone Roby, and Major Taylor (11) in command at Johnstown. (12) That in July 1780 he was drafted for three months, and went in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Dubois(13) to West Point. That after remaining there a day or two he went with a company commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan (14) and crossed over to the east side of the Hudson's river and marched to Verplank's point, and recrossed over the Hudson River, and marched down into New Jersey, (15) and joined the main army and remained until in October, when the three months expired. That after arriving there he was put into a company of Continental troops, commanded by Capt. Fowler, (16) Philip Van Cortland (17) was the Col. of the regiment, and a Frenchman by the name of Galvan (18) was the major of the regiment. General Hand commanded this Brigade, and General LaFayette (19) the division.

That besides the aforesaid active services, he was a minute man in the said town of Catskill during the war, and was always subject to be called out, and was engaged in actual service, in scouting parties, and other actual services, in all more than one year.

That during the whole of the war he was a resident of the said town of Catskill, except when abroad in actual service—

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except the persons whose depositions are hereto 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) Barent Dubois

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. William B. Hermance, Clerk

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1. Peter Vrooman was the Colonel of the Fifteenth Regiment of Albany county Militia. The regiment represented the United Districts of Schoharie and Duanesburgh.
2. William Butler was the Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Pennsylvania Continental Regiment. This regiment served in the Schoharie Valley from May of 1778 to about June of 1779.
3. Captain Myndert VanSchaick's Second Company in Colonel Anthony VanBergen's Eleventh Regiment of Albany County Militia. Captain Thomas Hoghtaling commanded the first company in VanBergen's Regiment. Henry VanBergen served as first lieutenant under Hoghtaling. Captain Hoghtaling had resigned and VanBergen was appointed captain of the first company. VanBergen was commissioned on May 3, 1779.
4. A regiment of militia was raised from the Dutchess and Ulster Counties for five month and Morris Graham was appointed the colonel. There does not appear that a Captain English was part of this regiment. A Captain Elijah Herrick commanded the Seventh Company. His lieutenants were Zophar Wickes and Ebenezer Prime Wood. So far a muster roll has not been found for this regiment. The roster for the officers can be found on pps 265-167 in the Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York, Vol II, Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., State Printers, Albany, 1900.
5. Roswell Hopkins served as the lieutenant-colonel of this regiment. Graham was the Colonel of the First Regiment and Roswell Hopkins was the Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia.
6. George Clinton, was Governor of New York State and a Brigadier General.
7. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
8. John A. Witbeck was the Captain of the Fourth Company in colonel VanBergen's Regiment.
9. Brigadier General James Clinton and Major General John Sullivan raised Continental and militia troops in 1779 and marched against the Iroquois Indian villages in western New York.
10. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck commanded the Albany County militia Brigade.
11. Ezekiel Taylor was the First Major in Colonel Jacobs VanSchoonhoven's Twelfth Regiment of Albany county Militia.
12. On October 10, 1786 Captain Myndert VanSchaick and his detachment presented certificates to be paid for their service at Johnstown. Barent Dubois is listed as a sergeant on this list. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 76, folder 150, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
13. Benjamin DuBois was appointed Captain in Colonel VanBergen's Regiment. He was commissioned on June 20, 1778.
14. Samuel Delavan was commissioned captain on February 27, 1779 of the Westchester County Light Horse Company in Colonel Samuel Drake's Third Regiment of Westchester County Militia.
15. Commander in Chief General George Washington was massing American troops in New Jersey in hopes of joining forces with expected French troops and together they would attack the British forces at New York City.
16. Theoliosius Fowler was a Captain in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Frederick Weisenfels Fourth New York Continental Regiment.
17. Philip VanCortlandt was the Colonel of the Second New York Continental Regiment.
18. Possibly Jean Baptisti Obrey de Vouvion Major Engineer on the staff of the Marquis deLafayette.
19. Major General Marie Jean Paul Joseph Lafayette also known as the Marquis deLafayette. Unfortunately the French Troops arrived too late in the season for Washington to attack New York City and the militia was sent home.