

Pension Application for Peter VanBergen

S.19490

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS

On this first day of June 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Rensselaer having by law a seal and a clerk, being a Court of Record, Peter VanBergen a resident of the City of Troy in the County of Rensselaer and state of New York, aged Eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born at Catskill, County of Green and State of New York in the year 1753. That he has no record of his age, except a minute which he took from the record of the Minister who baptized him and entered in his bible, which he now has. That since the Revolutionary was, he has lived first in Catskill, whence he moved to & lived in Hudson, thence again he moved to and lived in Catskill, thence to Courtright, thence to Butternuts, thence to the City of Troy all in the state aforesaid where he now resides. That he at each & every time volunteered into the service of the United States, and was then living at said Catskill. That some of the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served were Col. Bailey Maj'r Peter Schuyler, Capt John Williams, Lieut. Philip Staats, Col. Anthony VanBergen, Maj'r Aganus VanOrder, Capt John Witbeck, Lieut, Wessel Salisbury, QuarterMaster William VanOrder, Col Vroom, Col Alexander Harper, Capt Hendrick Oathout, Capt John Becker. That he received a 2d Lieutenant or Ensign's Commission, signed, as he thinks by George Clinton Governor of said state, which is now lost.

That he is known to the Rev. Fayett Shipard and Elias Vanderlip of said City of Troy who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he served as 2nd Lieutenant in 1776, five months, that he served as 2d Lieutenant in 1777 six months & that he served as 2d Lieutenant in 1778 three months. That Anthony VanBergen was Colonel of the Regiment in which he served in 1777. And that John Backer was Captain of the company in which he served at Schoharie in 1778. That he that he never received any written discharge, has no written document, and knows of no other living testimony, as to his aforesaid services, than those before furnished, & those hereto annexed now in his power to produce. (Signed) Peter Van Bergen

Sworn before me in open court the day and date above written. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk

Letter in folder dated July 7, 1904, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your recent inquiry, you are advised that Peter VanBergen, aged eighty years, residing at Troy;, New York, applied for pension August 25, 1832.

He was born at Catskill, New York, in 1753, and there enlisted in 1776 and served as a private five months under Captain John Williams and Colonel Bailey; six

months in 1777 as a sergeant under Captain Oathout and Colonel Anthony VanBergen, and three months in 1778 as ensign under Colonel Vrooman. No battles are mentioned. His claim was allowed.