

## **Pension Application for Martin B. VanBuren**

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State of New York  
Otsego County SS.

On this eight[h] day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County now sitting, Martin VanBuren of the town of Maryland in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged seventy three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the first of May 1777 he volunteered into a Company of Militia, at the town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer, New York Commanded by Capt Nicholas Staats of Schodack and Lieutenant Philip Staats, in a Regiment Commanded by Col. Jacob Schermerhorn.

That he marched in said company and Regiment from Schodack on the first of May 1777 to Stillwater in the State of New York, where he remained with said troops about one week, and from Stillwater marched to Fishkill and was there stationed, and Continued in actual service until after the Surrender of General Burgoyne and the British Army under his command.

At the time of the Battle at Saratoga, a part of Col. Schermerhorne's Regiment was engaged in the Battle but Capt Staats Company were placed on Guard and were not in the engagement. After the surrender of Burgoyne, marched in said Company, down to Albany and at the expiration of one week from the time of said Battle, was dismissed from the Service, and he the said declarant returned home to his father's in the Town of Schodack aforesaid.

The Regiment commanded by Col Schermerhorn was under the command of Genl Henry VanRensselaer of the County of Rensselaer—Genl VanRensselaer was wounded in the Battle at the taking of Burgoyne, had his thigh broke. And he recollects while in the service at this time of frequently seeing Genl Gates and Genl Schuyler. That he was in actual service at this time for five months and a half.

And the said Martin B. VanBuren further declares that as early as the Middle of May in the year 1778 he again volunteered in to a company of Militia commanded by the same officers above named, and marched from Schodack to Halfmoon Point on the Hudson River, where the troops remained for a short time—from thence marched to Schenectady, and remained there not less than three weeks, and was then dismissed at Schenectady from the service and he then returned home to Schodack the place of his residence and that he was in actual service at this time one month—Col Jacob Schermerhorn had command of the Regiment to which he belonged at this time and he the said declarant well recollects that about three hundred militia marched from Schodack under command of Col. Schermerhorn to Half Moon& from thence to Schenectady at this time, and that Capt Anthony Brice had command of one company

of the Militia under the Command of and that served under Col. Schermerhorn during the month service above stated. Also recollects that Cornelius VanBuren was a Major in the same service at this time.

And the said Martin VanBuren further declares that the last of June & first of July in the year 1778 he again volunteered and went into actual service in Capt Staats company of Militia in Col. Jacob Schermerhorn's Regiment and marched in said Company and Regiment from Schodack to Schenectady where the troops made a halt of two or three days and then marched up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer at a place called German flatts, was stationed and remained at Fort Herkimer ten or twelve days and then marched back to Schenectady, and was there stationed and remained in service for the period of his weeks, and was then dismissed from the service and returned home to Schodack.

That eh was in actual service at this time for the full period of two months. Well recollects that Col. VanRensselaer of Claverack with a Regiment of Militia marched up the Mohawk in Company with Col. Schermerhorn also recollects Capt Schermerhorn who commanded a Company of Militia in Col. Schermerhorn's Regiment and was in the service at this time.

And he the said Martin B. VanBuren further declares that he again volunteered into a Company of Militia Commanded by Capt Staats and went into actual service said company the first of October 1778 and marched in said company from Schodack to Schoharie and was stationed at the Middle fort on the Schoharie Creek at this time Capt Staats Company was commanded or belonged to a Regiment under the command of Col Schuyler. That while stationed at the Fort at this time he was several times out on Scouts through Cobleskill and Sharon in the County of Schoharie. Recollects Capt Cornelius Schermerhorn was in the service and commanded a company which was stationed at the Middle Fort at this time. That he the said declarant was in actual service at this time for the period of two months, stationed at the said Middle Fort on the Schoharie Creek, and was there dismissed at the expiration of said two months service and again returned home to his father in the Town or Schodack aforesaid.

And the said Martin B. VanBuren further declares in manner aforesaid, that as early as the Middle of May in the year 1779 he again volunteered into a company of Militia commanded by Capt Staats and marched from Schodack to Half Moon from thence into the State of Vermont, did not remain in Vermont, but immediately returned to Saratoga and to Stillwater and from thence to Schenectady remained at Saratoga before marching to Schenectady for about three weeks—after arriving at Schenectady was there stationed and remained until dismissed at the expiration of two month and a half service. Major Cornelius VanBuren marched with the troops at this time and had command of the same. Recollects that Capt Brice had command of a Company which marched with Capt Staats company and remained with them during the whole two and a half months—was dismissed at Schenectady as above stated and returned home to Schodack.

And the said Martin B. VanBuren further declares in manner aforesaid that in the month of October 1779 and as early as the middle of the month he volunteered

into a company of Light Infantry commanded by Capt. James McDown and Lieut Lansing and Ensign Ostrander that he marched from Schodack in said company to Schoharie and was stationed at the middle Fort on the Schoharie Creek. That he continued in actual service at this time for one month and a half and was then dismissed at said Fort and returned home to Schodack. That he does not now recollect the name of the Colonel who had command of the Fort at this time.

And he further declares in manner aforesaid that he has no documentary evidence and that he he [sic] knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

And the said Martin B. VanBuren further declares in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the said court in conformity to the Instructions from the War department, in manner following that is to say.

1<sup>st</sup> That I was Born in the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer in the State of New York in the year 1759.

2<sup>d</sup> That I have no record of my age in my possession.

3<sup>d</sup> That I resided at Schodack in the County of Rensselaer at each and every time I was called into the service, during the Revolution—That since the Revolution have resided in the Town of Jefferson in the County of Schoharie, and in the Town of Maryland in the County of Otsego New York where he now resides.

5 I have set forth the names of the officers who were with the Troops in my declaration above stated as fully as I can recollect the same and also the general circumstances of my services are above set forth as fully as I can state the same.

4 [sic] I volunteered at each and every time I was called into the service—and did not serve as a substitute for any other person and that I was not engaged in any civil employment whatever while in the service as above sated.

6 I never received any written discharge from the service.

7 And I further state that I am known to the Rev Silas Miller, Greene Blivin, Stephen R. Olmsted of my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a solder of the Revolution.

And I further declares that I relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Martin B. Vanburen.

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833. Horace Lathrop, Clerk.