

Pension Application for Richard VanBuskirk

W.18218 (Widow: Rachael) Married April 25, 1775. Richard died January 18, 1835.
State of New York
Rensselaer County SS

On this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me David Gleason one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County of Rensselaer Richard VanBuskirk who being duly sworn according to law making oath and says that in consequence of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise length of each of his terms of service nor can he state more particularly the different terms of such service than is hereinafter set forth and stated, but from the best of his recollections knowledge and belief he served not less than the periods herein after mentioned and at the several times an in the places and in the manner also herein after stated that is to say for one month and five days he served as a Sergeant that he went having command as sarjeant to Fort Edward and was there under command of Major Austin and Colonel Paine, their given names he cannot recollect that he went about the first of May 1776 and was employed at the said Fort in keeping guard one month and was employed therefrom making in all one month and five days that his captains name he cannot recollect that he was succeeded as sergeant by Solomon King and then returned home which was according to the best of his recollection his first service as a soldier or the revolution.

That by order of Colonel Yates who then had command in chief at Fort Edward he on the first day of July 1776, warned his men to turn out again to march to Fort Edward, that on the 2nd day of July they marched and was two days marching to said Fort that he was then sergeant and served at said Fort doing duty as a guard until the third day of August following and was then relieved by Thomas Whiteside. That he was two days in marching home making the whole time at which he was engaged in service at this time one month and five days that he served under the same Major Austin that his captains name was Thomas Brown & Elijah Gifford Lieutenant.

That his next term of service commanded the fifth of October 1776 and ended the tenth day of November in same year and during which time he continued to serve as sergeant this service was also performed at Fort Edward in keeping guard.

That his next term of service commenced on the fifty day of April 1777 and ended the fifteenth of June 1777 during which service he remained a sergeant and served as such during this last term at the aforesaid Fort Edward in keeping guard.

That his next term of service commenced on the 17th day of October 1777 and continued until the 17th day of November in same year during which time he has continued to serve as sergeant at the said Fort Edward & was employed in keeping guard during this last term of service.

That his next term of service commenced on the tenth day of June 1778 and continued until the fifteenth day of August following during which time he continued to serve as sergeant at Fort Edward aforesaid and was also employed in keeping guard during this last term of service.

That his next term of service commenced on the fifteenth day of September 1778 and continued until the first day of October 1778 during which time he still continued to serve as sergeant at the said fort Edward in keeping guard.

That his next term of service commenced on the first day of July 1779 and continued until the first of September in same year during which time he still continued to serve as sergeant at the said Fort Edward in keeping guard aforesaid.

That his next term of service commenced on the first of May 1781 and continued until the fifth of June following during which time he still continued to serve as sarjeant at the said Fort Edward in Keeping guard as aforesaid.

That his next term of service commenced on the tenth of August 1781 and continued until the 15th of November in same year during which time he still continued to serve as sarjeant at the said Fort Edward in keeping guard as aforesaid.

That his next term of service commenced on the tenth of April 1782 and continued until the 15th of June 1782 during which time he still continued to serve as sergeant at the said Fort Edward in keeping guard as aforesaid.

That his next term of service commenced on the tenth of April 1782 and continued until the 15th of June 1782 during which time he still continued to serve as sergeant at the said Fort Edward in keeping guard as aforesaid.

That his next term of service commenced on the first of June 1783 and continued until the fifth of August following during which time he still continued to serve as sergeant at said Fort Edward in keeping guard as aforesaid.

That the services above enumerated are in addition to those tours detailed in his declaration hereby annexed and are included most of them in the period of services which he the said deponent stated in his said declaration amounted to at least eighteen months and that from the best of his recollections [about 3 lines squeezed in that I can't read] he went and served at the several times above mentioned as the same is above stated. That during all this time he was living as stated in his said declaration and belonged to a militia company which company was employed in the service in guarding said Fort, that the said company was classed into two classes and each class event alternately as required by the commanding officers on the northern frontiers at that time and was obliged to serve in there until relieved by the other class of said company, that he does not recollect of any other company being employed in guarding said Fort excepting the company to which he belonged that he was a second sergeant during all the time & had charge of the class that is to say one half of the said company while marching to & from said Fort—that Thomas White who was first sergeant and had charge of the other half of said company white marching as aforesaid to & from said Fort, that the name of his captain and Lieutenant who had command of him while on the Fort was Thomas brown Captain & Elijah Gifford lieutenant who had command of line during the performance of all the above services excepting the first tour & what captain and Lieutenant then commanded there he cannot recollect. That Colonels Peter Yates, John Groescheck, Lewis VanWort, and Paine his given name not recollect had command at said Fort during the performance of the above services sometime the one & sometimes the other so that he

cannot recollect distinctly under which of the said colonels each of the above named tours of service were performed that Major Austin before mentioned commanded as Major during all the said time, that he had no general at the post but the name of General who commanded the brigade to which said company belonged was Williams.
(Signed) Richard VanBushkirk

Sworn before me the 24th day of April 1833 before me. David Gleasen Justice
Peace.