

**Pension Application for Henry J. or Henry Vanderburgh**

S.14760 Henry died March 25, 1842.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year 1832 before me, Joseph J. Jackson one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York (said Court being a court of record for said County), personally appeared Henry Vanderburgh a resident of the town of Pleasant Valley in said County of Dutchess aged seventy six 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war and served in the army as hereinafter stated.

That in the month of May in the year 1776 at the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess, he entered the service as a drafted man for eight months in Capt. Cornelius van Wycks Company in Colonel Henry Swartwouts Regiment of the Militia of New York, that he was appointed orderly sergeant of the company; marched to Kings bridge and there encamped, had the guard on the bank of the river above Kings bridge on the day Fort Washington was taken by the enemy. After White Plains was burnt and McDougley battle was fought the army retreated to Peekskill, Capt. Van Wyck was killed on a scout, and the company was commanded by Lieutenant Henry Bailey, they then returned to Fishkill crossed the North river and went into winter quarters near New Windsor.

On the fifteenth day of December 1776 after serving seven and a half months, the Convention then sitting at Fishkill, sent this deponent an Ensign's Commission, with instructions to enlist men in the Continental Army, he was attached to the fifth New York regiment of the line commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois, James Brown was Lieutenant Colonel, Samuel Logan Major, in the fifth company commanded by Captain John Johnson, Henry W. Vanderburgh was first Lieutenant, and James Betts was second Lieutenant, deponent enlisted his quote of men during the winter and in the Spring of 1777 mustered and joined the Regiment at Fort Montgomery on the North river remained there on duty until the Fort was stormed and taken by the enemy on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777. General George Clinton was in command of the fort.

Went up the west side of the river to near Kingston after that place was burned returned to Newburgh, crossed the river to Fishkill spent the winter about two miles below Fishkill, having charge of men enoculated [inoculated] with the small pox.

In the fall of 1778 deponent was promoted to a second Lieutenant in the same company and Regiment, was with the main army at White Plains. Major Gen. Heath, Lord Sterling, Col. Van Schaick and other officers were there.

The army retreated to Peekskill from thence the Regiment to which deponent belonged was ordered to Albany, thence to Schoharie and stationed at the Middle Fort from thence deponent with a guard of fifty men volunteered and went ten miles west to a picket fort at Cobbley-kill [Cobleskill] remained there through the winter, and in the

spring [of] 1779 was ordered to Johnstown where deponent remained until the first of July in that year, when deponent hearing of the sickness of his family left the army and returned home after a service in the Continental line of two years and seven months.

In the spring [of] 1780 the deponent received from Governor Clinton a Commission as first lieutenant in the state troops, and joined captain Thomas Lee's Company of the New York militia in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment at fort Plank on the Mohawk river, deponent was then ordered with his company to cross the Mohawk river and take the command of a picket fort at Stone Arabia. He remained there during the season, no commissioned officer being there but himself. L about the first of November 1780 Col. Johnson with 500 British troops from Canada with Butler and Brandt who commanded, 350 Indians came through Cherry Valley, Cobleskill, Schoharie burning & scalping & they came to fort Hunter where they encamped. Col Malcolm who commanded at Fort Plank ordered Col Brown with a regiment of new levies to reinforce deponent to prevent the enemy crossing the river but before day light they forded the river unexpectedly attacked our small party, killing and scalped forty five, two of whom were of deponents company. Col. Brown was killed at the first fire and deponent was wounded. Discharged at Stone Arabia after serving as Lieutenant Commandant of the company for seven months.

Deponent was born in the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1756 he has a record of his age with others of his family at his home, pas lived, where he now resides in Pleasant Valley, forty seven years past. Deponent received commissions as above stated and retained them until they were destroyed by vermin about 46 years ago. The only document deponent has preserved is the recruiting instructions which is hereto annexed.

Deponant sometimes for the purpose of designation, wrote his name Henry J. Vanderburgh during the war, but has ever since written it with out the middle letter.

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.

The names of the person to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood, and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the revolution are garret Adriance and Frances S. Hoffman. (Signed) Henry Vanderburgh.

Sworn to and subscribed the say and year aforesaid before me. Jos. J. Jackson, a county Judge.

Letter in folder dated July 29, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of James Vanderburgh who was born September 4, 1729, land who died April 4, 1794, and Henry Vanderburgh who was born February 28, 1756, and who died in May, 1841.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land has been found based upon service of the above named James Vanderburgh.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.14760, based upon the military service of Henry J. or I. Vanderburgh.

He was born February 28, 1756, in Beekman, Dutchess County, New York. While living in that place he enlisted in May 1776, and served seven and one half months as sergeant in Colonel James Swartwout's New York Regiment in captain Cornelius WanWyck's Company, said captain was killed while on a scout and the company was then commanded by Lieutenant Henry Bailey. On December 15, 1776, Henry J. or I. Vanderburgh was commissioned ensign under First Lieutenant Henry W. Vanderburgh (it was not stated that he was related to Henry J. or I.) and Captain John Johnson in Colonel Lewis DuBoys' New York Regiment with instructions to enlist men; he enlisted his men during the winter and in the spring of 1777 he mustered and joined the regiment and was in the engagement when Fort Montgomery was captured October 6, 1777. In the fall of 1778 he was promoted to second lieutenant in the same company and regiment and served until the first of July, 1779, when he returned home upon hearing of illness in his family, his entire service up to this time amounting to two years and seven months. In the spring of 1780 he was commissioned first lieutenant and joined Captain Thomas Lee's Company in Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment, was in command of a picket fort at Stone Arabia and was wounded in battle there.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 27, 1832, at which time he was living in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, having lived there forty-seven years.

He died May 15, 1841, and his wife (her names not given) did not survive him. The dates of her birth and death were not given.

He was survived by the following children:

Richard D.C. Van Der Burgh, resident of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, in 1847.

Lewis Van Der Burgh

John Van Der Burgh

Martin Van Der Burgh

Susan Van Der Burgh

Fanny, wife of John G. Sturges.

Lucinda Van Der Burgh afterward married Lawrence Manning.

Maria wife of Lewis Flagler

Elisa wife of Samuel B. Dutton