

Pension Application for Jacob VanDyke, or VanDyck

W.18217 (Widow: Charlotte) They married September 25, 1;781. Jacob died October 3, 1844.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

On this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Schoharie and State of New York now sitting Jacob Vandyck a resident of the town of Middleburgh in the said County of Schoharie in the State of New York aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he resided in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie from the commencement of the Revolutionary War untill the Spring of the year 1779.

That he was enrolled as a private in the Militia of the State of New York as early as the first day of June in the year 1776. That the Regiment & company in which he was enrolled was commanded at the time of his enrollment by the following named officers Colonel Peter Vroman, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Zelig, Major Thomas Eckerson & Joseph Becker, Captain George Richtmyer, Lieutenant John Bellinger Junior. That he does not recollect the name of the ensign.

That he belonged to the same Regiment & company from the said first to the same Regiment & Company from the said first day of June in the year 1776 untill the first day March in the year 1779. That the said Regiment & company were commanded by the above named officers during that time. That from the said first day of June in the year 1776 untill the first day of March in the year 1779 he was very frequently on duty in the service of [the] United States on patrols and on guard. That he does not recollect the number of different times he was on duty that he was serving most of those periods under the immediate command of some officer of the Regiment or Company to which he belonged, but which officer had the command each period he cannot tell.

That he does not recollect the exact time he entered the service each or any of those periods, nor the time when he left the same nor how long he was engaged on duty each period. That he was not drafted a volunteer or substitute any of the above mentioned periods to his knowledge. That he was ordered into the service by some officer of his Regiment or company & entered the service in obedience to such order. That he marched under the command of Colonel Vroman in pursuit of a party of Indians & Tories who had been murdering the inhabitants of Schoharie in the year 1778.

That as near as he can recollect in the month of July in the year 1778 he marched with a company under the command of captain Martines Zelig to that part of the State of New York now the town of Summit in the County of Schoharie & was

present when Serviss a celebrated Tory was shot. That he was during this period into that part of the State of New York now the Counties of Otsego & Delaware.

That he was frequently engaged in the Forts in Schoharie on Garrison duty. That he does not recollect where he went each period. That a party of riflemen under the command of Colonel Butler lay at the middle Fort some part of this time. That several parties of Continental troops lay at Schoharie for short periods occasionally during the war but he does not recollect who were their officers.

And the said Jacob VanDyck saith that he is positive that he was engaged in the service of the United States as a private Soldier from the said first day of June in the year 1776 untill the first day of March in the year 1779 at different periods in the whole amounting to at least one year.

And the said VanDyck further saith that in the month of March in the year 1779 he moved to the part of the State of New York now the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie where he resided untill the spring of the year 1781. That he was again enrolled as a private in the Militia of the State of New York as early as the first day of April in the year 1779. That the Regiment & company in which he was enrolled at the time of his enrollment was commanded by the following named officers, Colonel Peter Broman Lieutenant Colonel Peter Zelig, Majors Thomas Eckerson and Joseph Becker, Captain Jacob Snyder.

That he does not recollect the names of the other officers. That he belonged to the same Regiment & Company from the said first day of April in the year 1779 untill the first day of April in the year 1781. That the said Regiment & company were commanded by the above named officers during that time. That from the said first day of April in the year 1779 untill the first day of April in the year 1781 he was very frequently on duty in the service of the United States on scouts and on guard for short periods of from one day to two weeks at a time. That he does not recollect the numbers of different times he was on duty. That he was during most of those periods under the immediate command of some officer of the Regiment or Company to which he belonged but which officer had the command he cannot tell. That he does not recollect the exact time he entered the service each or any of those periods nor the time when he left the same nor how long he was engaged on duty each time. That he was not drafted a volunteer or substitute any of the above mentioned periods to his knowledge. That he was ordered into the service by some officer of his Regiment or Company & entered the service in obedience to such order. That he was in the lower Fort in Schoharie when Schoharie was burnt in the year 1780. That he went frequently into those parst [parts] of the State of New York now the counties of Otsego and Albany & b Montgomery.

That he does not recollect where he went each period. That he was in no battle during this time.

That there were several parties of Continental troops at Schoharie occasionally during this time but that he does not recollect who were their officers.

And the said Van Dyck saith that he is positive that he was engaged in the service of the United States as a private soldier from the said first day of April in the

year 1779 untill untill [sic] the first day of April in the year 1781 at different periods in the whole amounting to at least one year.

And the said VanDyck further saith that [he] entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as is herein stated. Captain Benjamin Dubois, Lieutenant Low. That he does not recollect the Christian name of the Ensign nor the Christian name of the Lieutenant. That he does not know that he company was under command of any field officers. That he entered the service of the United States as a first Sergeant in the month of April in the year 1781 the day of the month he does not recollect & left the service in the month of October in the year 1781 just six months form the time he entered it.

That he resided at the time he entered the service in that part of the State of New York now the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie. That he entered the service as a volunteer by enlistment for the term of six months. That he joined his company immediately on his enlistment at the lower Fort in the now County of Schoharie in the State of New York. That a part of his company lay at the middle Fort & a part of it was the lower Fort except when on Scouts. That he went on scouts as often as once a week. That he was in no battle during this period.

And the said VanDyck saith that he again entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. Captain Benjamin Dubois & Lieutenant Low. That he does not recollect the name of the Ensign nor the Christian name of the Lieutenant. That he does not know that the company was under the command of any field officers. That he entered the service of the United States as a first or orderly Sergeant in the month he does not recollect & left the service in the month of November in the year 1781 at least one month & one half from the time that he entered it.

That he resided at the time he entered the service in that part of the State of New York now the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie.

That he entered the service as a volunteer by enlistment for the term of three years. That he joined the company immediately on his enlistment at the middle Fort in Schoharie & lay there about six weeks when he and the whole company were dismissed by Captain Dubois. That he was in no Battle during this period.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services above set forth, that he never received a written discharge from the service. That he was born in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie. That he has no record of his age. That he has resided in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh since the close of the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob VanDyke

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clerk.

Letter in folder dated March 14, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Jacob VanDyke, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.18217, based upon the military service of Jacob VanDyke (Dyck) during the Revolutionary War.

Jacob VanDyke (Dyck) was born in what was later Middleburg, Schoharie County, New York, no date given.

While residing there he enlisted June 1, 1776 and served as a private at various times in Captain George Richtmyer's company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's New York regiment, served until March 1, 1779, length of service one year. He moved in March 1779 to Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York, and enlisted April 1, 1779 and served as private at various times in captain Jacob Snyder's Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's regiment, served until April 1, 1781, length of service one year. He enlisted in April 1781, and served seven and one half months as sergeant in Captain Benjamin Dubois' New York company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 4, 1833, then a resident of Middleburg, New York, and was aged seventy-one years.

He died October 3, 1844 in Middleburg, New York.

He married September 25, 1781, Charlotte Lawrence. Their marriage was recorded on the books of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Schoharie, New York.

The widow, Charlotte, was allowed pension on her application executed August 5, 1845, then living in Middleburg, New York, and was eighty-six years of age. Lawrence VanDyck and Mary VanDyck were living in Schoharie County, New York in 1845, relationship not stated.