

## **Pension Application for Alexander Van Eps**

S.6302

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schenectady and State of New York aforesaid now sitting Alexander Van Eps a resident of the Town of Glenville in said County of Schenectady Aged seventy years and upwards and who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty two in the then County of Albany in the City of Schenectady in the State of New York as by the annexed certificate appears. That he has a record of his age in the Book of Records of the Prot. Ref. Dutch Church of the City of Schenectady that he before and ever since the war of the Revolution resided within a few miles of the City of Schenectady and now resides in the Town of Glenville in said County of Schenectady.

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

In the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight he went on a scout at Two different times in search of the famous Joe Bettis, and his associate Tories the Party went once to Charlton and one to Clifton park and Ballston. They could not take this noted Tory.

And this deponent further says that in the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, He enlisted in the company whereof Tunis Fisher was captain in the Regiment whereof Christopher C. Yates was Col. The Company mustered at Albany, the Company in the said Regiment marched to Schuylers flatts to what is now called Schuylersville in the County of Saratoga. That this deponent continued there the whole term of nine months. The term for which he had enlisted doing duty on fatigue in Building Boats and erecting Barracks and Boat Houses and in doing other Military duties imposed on him in going on Scouts and other excursions that in December 1779 he was Honorable discharged [Honorably discharged] that he had no discharge in writing.

In the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he this deponent was drafted into the company of John Mynderse at Schenectady to go to Schoharie to guard the place and the company was marched there and remained there one month this deponent continued there all the time doing military duty faithfully as a soldier on Scouts and in pursuit of Indians Tories and Spies he was then discharged he had no discharge in writing.

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he was drafted to go to Stone Arabia into the Company of Abraham VanEps this deponent together with the Company marched form Schenectady to the fort at Stone Arabia he

stayed there doing all kinds of military duty one month he was then Honorably discharged he has no discharge in writing.

In the same year he was drafted into the Company of Captain Van Eps to go to Tripes Hill the company marched from Schenectady to that place & deponent remained there one month when the Company were discharged he had no written discharge. He has often done service in short periods not herein mentioned. And he never received any pay for any of the services except a little clothing and rations.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Col. Ten Broeck at Stone Arabia, Genl Schuyler, Major Wemple, Major Swits, Captain Vrooman, Major Fonda Philip VanVorst.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the depositions hereto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. John Sanders, Peter Sanders Y the Rev. James Murphy, Stephen A. Daggett, Barent Sanders & James Caw., Jr.

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. (Signed with his mark) Alexander Van Eps

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vroman, Clerk.