

Pension Application for Evert Van Eps

W.15969 (Widow: Polly) Evert died December 19, 1813.

Van Eps, Evert

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on December 31, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 145.

Rank: Sergeant

Regt: Capt. Fonda's Militia.

Disability: Wounded in the left leg in an engagement with the British and Indians.

When and where disabled: 1777, Oriskee

Residence: Mohawk

Remarks: Militia

Evidence totally incomplete.

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On this seventeenth day of September 1844, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County now sitting John E. VanEps a resident of the town of Glen in said County, aged fifty-six years and upwards, and he being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain in his own behalf and in behalf of his sisters the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on July 1838, granting pensions to certain widows.

That the widow on whose account this application is made was his mother Polly VanEps widow of Evert VanEps who served in the war of the revolution in manner herein after stated.

That the maiden name of said Polly was "Minthorne". That said Polly & Evert were lawfully married on the twelfth day of June one thousand seven hundred & eighty seven by the Reverend Thomas Romeyn, at the time thereof Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Caughnawaga.

That said Evert VanEps departed this life on the nineteenth day of December 1813 leaving her the said Polly his widow him surviving—and that said Polly remained his widow & unmarried since his death, & that at the time of her decease she was still his widow.

That she the said Polly VanEps died on the tenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine & that she left her surviving the following named children, who are the only surviving children of said Evert & Polly & are all of lawful age, to wit. This Deponent John E. VanEps Jane Hugeman, wife of Richard Hugeman, Hannah wife of David P. Quackenbush, and Eveline wife of Luke Wessells of Montgomery & Otsego Counties N.Y. & Lucy wife of Eli Crampton of Erie County N.Y.

And this declarant further saith, that the said Evert VanEps at the time of his decease was over seventy-three years of age.

That at the time the revolutionary war commenced he was a resident of the said town of Glen, then; town of Charlestown in said County (then County of Tryon) and that although not obliged to train or perform military duty, in 1777 & subsequently, yet he volunteered to serve his country & was enrolled in the Company of Exempts commanded by Captain Jellis Fonda in the Regiment of Colonel Frederick Fisher, and one "Bachellor" was a Lieutenant of said Company- as Deponent heard & believes to be true—and this declarant heard & believes to be true—and this Declarant has often heard his father the said Evert VanEps state that he served in said Company of Captain Fonda at the Battle of Oriskany where & when his horse was shot under him & he was severely wounded. He also served in the subsequent years of the war as a sergeant in said Company but for how many days each term this Declarant is unable to say, & can only produce record evidence of such portions of his said Militia service, as was returned to the Comptroller's office of this state, volunteer service for which he was not paid, not being included in said record evidence.

In the fall of the year 1781, when the battle of Johnstown took place, the said Evert VanEps was taken prisoner & carried into captivity to Canada where he remained a prisoner about eighteen months, and this Declarant further saith, that the said Evert VanEps in the year 1776 served in the Quarter Master Department under General Schuyler at Lake George, Saratoga, & elsewhere as Declarant understood his said father to say, & believes to be true. He remembers in particular hearing him speak of transporting cannon across Lake Champlain or Lake George – and that he served the whole of that season in said Department of the Quarter Master general as Captain of Batteaman & laborers.

This Declarant can find no record evidence of his father's services among the papers left by him, except those accompanying this Declaration. (Signed) John E. VanEps

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year first aforesaid. Chester S. Brumeley,
Clerk

Letter in file dated June 19, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in the Revolutionary War Pension claim W.15969, it appears that Evert VanEps while residing at Charlestown, Tryon County, New York, (which was later called Glen and was in Montgomery County), enlisted in 1776 and served one year as Captain of Batteamen and labourers in the Quartermaster's department at Lake George.

He was wounded in the left leg at the battle of Oriskany.

He served between 1776 and 1782 at various times amounting to four months and thirteen days, as a private and sergeant in captain Jellis Fonda's Company, Colonel Frederick Fisher's New York Regiment. He was captured at the battle of Johnstown and held a prisoner in Canada for eighteen months.

He married at Caughnawaga, New York, June 12, 1787 Polly Minthorn. He died December 19, 1813 aged over seventy-three, and she died October 10, 1839, leaving the following children who were allowed the pension due on account of their father's service: Jane, wife of Richard Hugeman, Hannah, wife of David P. Quackenbush, Eveline, wife of Luke Wessels, Lucy, wife of Eli Crampton, and John E. Van Eps who was fifty-six years old in 1844 and then resided in Glen, Montgomery County, New York.