

Pension Application for Hazael Vankauren or Vankeman

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State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me, John Jansen, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, of the County aforesaid, the same being a court of Record, Hazael Vankauren, a resident of Shawangunk in the county of Ulster, New York aforesaid, aged seventy nine years (and who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the sitting of the County Courts, 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 7th 1832.

That in the year 1776 in the spring, he was a private in captain Mathias Jansen's Company of Militia that the said company was ordered to Fort Montgomery and that he served there two weeks under Capt Jansen, did garrison duty and helped make a breast work.

That in the same year he served with his company under Captain Jansen, other two weeks, at Fort Montgomery, keeping garrison and watching the British while there this time a British vessel came in sight in the bend of the river towards Peeks Kill, fired at her from Fort Montgomery.

That in the fall of 1776, he served, also under Capt Mathias Jansen, keeping guard and watching the British who were in New York, at Ramapo and Harvestraw and Hackeat six weeks.

That in the spring of the year 1778, a draft of everything [?] was made out of Captain Jansen's company for three weeks service and that he was drafted and served three weeks at West Point. At this time the fort at West Point was commanded Colonel Wisner had the command.

That in the year 1779 he served three months at one time, and two weeks at another time under Lieut Johannes T. Jansen, at Mamakating guarding the inhabitants against the Indians.

That he was drafted and did actually serve two weeks at a place called [Lindenkill?] on the then Indians frontier, to guard against the incursions but can not now specify the year.

That in the year 1779 as he supposes, he was employed and did actually perform the duty of riding post, that in carrying letters and depredations between General Sullivan and General Clinton who were out on pursuit of the Indians at the west by different routes and that he was engaged in this duty two months and two weeks.

That he served as he now thinks in the year 1779 although he can not be positive as to the year, three months in one continuous term, at Napenock and at Lackawack, under Captain Mathias Jansen doing garrison duty & guarding the said frontiers from the Indians.

The said Hazael VAnkauren furaachter declares that he was born in the said town of Shawangunk in the year 1753.

That the only record of his age is an entry in a small manuscript book, made by her father and is now in his the said Hazael's possession.

That he lives at Shawangunk in the State of County aforesaid when called into the service where he now lives & has lived since the revolution.

That he never received any written discharge from the service.

That at his entrance into the service he was ordered out by the officers of his militia company sometimes in pursuance of a draft or a [?], but whether always so, does not know.

That from the general nature of his service it being in the militia & principally in the county guarding the frontier & pursuing the Indians, he has not much knowledge of the officers of the regular army – nor with any militia regiments or commander excepting his own, which was under Colonel Johannes Hardenbergh, part of the time was under Colonel Johannes Jansen part of the time during the war.

That he refers to Col. Abraham J. Hardenbergh, the Rev. Ward and James Dill as persons in his neighborhood to whom he is known & who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as s soldier of the revolution.

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) Hazael Vankauren

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid before me. John Jansen one of the Judges of the Common Pleas of Ulster County.