

Pension Application for Abner Van Namee or Van Amy

S.11632

State of New York

Saratoga County SS

On this sixth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga in the said State now sitting Abner VanAmy a resident of Ballston in the County of Saratoga in the said State now sitting Abner Van Amy a resident of Ballston in the County of Saratoga in the said state now sitting Abner Van Amy a resident of Ballston in the County of Saratoga & State of New York aged eighty years 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 under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He was born in Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in said State July 30, 1752. He has no record of his age. He is known to Isaac Rowland & Aaron Rice of Milton & Aaron Nash of Ballston in said County who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

In the year 1777 & during the whole war he resided in Pittstown in the County of Rensselaer in said State. Early in the spring of that year he was chosen first lieutenant in Capt. Cornelius Wilsey's company in Cool. Knickerbacker's regiment of militia but did not receive his commission until the next year when he received the commission hereto annexed signed "Geo. Clinton".

This deponent however served as first Lieutenant immediately after his election by the company in the same manner as if he had been commissioned & always when called out drew pay as such as well before as after the date of his commission. Early in the spring of the year 1777 aforesaid he was ordered by his said Colonel to march to Fort Edward with half his company & report for further orders to Gen Schuyler.

This deponent detached half the company & marched accordingly to Fort Edward where he reported to the continental officer in command of the Fort, by whom he was ordered to march to Fort George, he did so & after a service of Eighteen days was then discharged by Gen. Schuyler & with his men returned home. He had been at home about one week when an order came for the whole company to march to Fort George.

This deponent with his captain & men marched accordingly & served in this second tour the same term of eighteen days that is to say four days going & returning & fourteen days at Fort George aforesaid, when they were discharged & returned home.

He had been home but eight or ten days when he this deponent & his whole company were ordered a third time to Fort George by Gen. Schuyler. He & his company marched accordingly & remained in service at the fort until it was evacuated & blown up by the American commander, he marched back to Fort Edward, where he lay one week, when half the company were dismissed & sent home, this deponent &

the other half remained there two weeks longer & were then discharged. This third term of service was one month & three days at Fort George & twenty one days at Fort Edward & three days returning home, making this third tour one month & twenty seven days.

In the year 1778 Col. Yates commanded the regiment to which he belonged, & early in the summer of that year this deponent & his company by order of Col. Yates commanded the regiment to which he belonged & early in the summer of that year this deponent & his company by order of Col. Yates marched to Fort Edward & served twenty days & were discharged.

In autumn of the same year 1778 by order of said Col. Yates he & his company marched again to Fort Edward to garrison the fort & kept it until they were relieved by the as [sic] part of Col. Van Schaick's Regiment of the New York line of Continentals. This second service in the year 1778 was for one month & four days & he returned home.

This deponent remained at home two or three weeks when the enemy came from Canada & committed many depredations on the Northern frontier carrying off the people & driving away large droves of cattle. Thereupon Gov. Clinton ordered out a force to march to Lake George to cross the Lake & cut off the enemy. This deponent & his company under command of Gov. Clinton marched to Lake George when the companies were consolidated & the supernumerary officers were dismissed to return home. This deponent was one of said Supernumeraries. He was in service on this expedition thirteen days.

In the year 1779 in the summer & autumn he was ordered by Col. Yates through Capt. Wilsey aforesaid to detach half the company to serve alternately each half a month to keep garrison at Palmertown on the Northern frontier. In pursuance of this order he marched there, & kept the garrison under Capt White & Capt Brown. This service or this duty in the year 1779 aforesaid was two months & ten days.

This deponent has omitted to state a service he performed in the year 1777, by order of the Committee of Safety of Albany not Rensselaer County. The Committee held their meetings at Becker's tavern in Scaghticoke [Schaghticoke] & ordered this deponent then a lieutenant to take twenty men of his company & keep guard by day & by night at suspected places such as they pointed out. He did so for half a month. The following;g are the names of some of the said Committee of Safety Samuel Rowland who had been Colonel of the Militia before the war broke out, Benjamin Hicks, William Thorn, Benjamin Eastwood & Samuel Ketchum.

The said Abner Van Amy 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 & that after the revolutionary war he resided in Pittstown aforesaid until the year 1816 when he moved to Ballston aforesaid where he has resided ever since. (Signed) Abner Van Namee

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the 6th day of September 1832. Thomas Palmer, Clerk