

Pension Application for William Van Northstrand

S.17167

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery and State of New York, now sitting William VanNorthstrand a resident of the Town of Johnstown in the County and State of New York, aforesaid aged sixty six years in the month of October, last past, 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 names officers and served as herein stated.

Your applicant says that he, volunteered into the years service, in the year 1779, in the militia service, in a company commanded by Captain George Combs, Lieutenant John Van Wart, & Ensign Jacob VanTassel, belonging to the Regiment of Colonel James Hammond, the names of the other officers he does not recollect, that he resided at Greensburgh West Chester County & State of New York at that time when he volunteered as above stated, that he went out Early in the Spring of that year and before the time for which he had entered the service had expired he your applicant was taken a Prisoner by the British and taken down to the City of New York, which was then in the possession of the British, that he was taken Prisoner on the seventeenth day of December in that year and remained a Prisoner until the fifth of November 1780. Your applicant says that at the time he went out he went from his said place of residence to a Place called [Morriesesoom?] in the South end of West Chester County for the purpose of ketching [catching] the Tories & opposing the British. He was out six months besides the time he was in captivity.

Your applicant says that he again in the spring of the year of 1781, volunteered into the militia service under Captain Honeywell, Lieutenants name and the other officers names he does not recollect belonging to the company that this company was commanded by and belonged to Colonel Hammond's Regiment that he went from West Chester County to the White Plains and along the frontiers of that county. That he was during the whole of the summer of this year, out occasionally and frequently, the particulars times when he went out and when discharged he this applicant is wholly unable to state. Your applicant says that he was out in the summer & spring of the year following 1782 under the same officers, & in the same manner.

And your applicant says that he was out in those two years at least six months. And your applicant says that he knows of no person, with whom he can prove those services, except Easter Van Wart a sister of his who knows that he was engaged in the service and knows of his going out.

And you applicant further says that he was born in West Chester County & State of New York in the year 1765 on the first day of October. He has no other record of his age except his family Bible. And your applicant says that there is a Bible in the

City of New York in the possession of his sister, belonging to his fathers family. Your applicant says that he has resided since the revolution in Johnstown Montgomery County. That he resided at the place when he was born when called into the service.

He recollects none of the regular officers or other circumstances which he thinks [?].

He is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit- Aaron Haring, Abraham Van Horn, Abraham van Wart, & others. He has no written discharges, or documentary evidence.

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) William Van NorthStrand.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 10, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your person request of May 7, for the Revolutionary War record of William Van Northstrand (S.17167).

The record follows of William Van Northstrand (as soldier signed, but in Dutch he was known as Van Ostrand). The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.17167, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William Van Northstrand was born October 1, 1765, in Greensburg, Westchester County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While living with his father in Greensburg, New York, William Van Northstrand volunteered early in the spring of 1779 for the term of one year, served as private in captain George Combs' company, Colonel Joseph Drake's New York regiment; one John Van Wart served with him on this tour as lieutenant. Before the time for which he entered expired, he was taken prisoner by the British December 17, 1779, at a place called Mile Square between White Plains and Kings Bridge, was carried to New York City then being held by the British where he was confined until November 5, 1780. He volunteered again in the spring of 1781, served during the spring and summer of that year and in 1782, amounting to six months for the two years, as private I Captain Israel Honeywell's company, Colonel Hamman's New York regiment.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York.

It is not shown in the claim whether William Van Northstrand every married.

Easter Van Wart, sister of William Van Northstrand, was born in Greensburg, Westchester County, New York, and was seven years older than he. She was residing in New York City in 1832.

In 1832, one Abraham Van Wart was living in Johnstown, New York; his relationship to soldier's sister, Easter Van Wart, or to Lieutenant John Van Wart with whom William Van Northstrand served a tour, was not stated.