

## **Pension Application for John Van Orden**

R.10882

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

Greene County

Town of Catskill SS

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges thereof in said County, the said Court being a court of Record & having original Jurisdiction, John Van Orden a Resident of the Town of Catskill in the County of Greene and State of New York aged Sixty nine 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was Born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1763 in the then County of Albany in the State of New York now County of Greene, Town of Catskill.

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

That he was enrolled in the Malitia [Militia] of the State of New York under Capt David Abeel, Junr., Lieut William Snyder, and Ensign Christian Myers under Col Anthony Van Bergen's Regt of the then Town of Cossackie and Lieut Col. Cornelius Dubois of Catskill, Maj Egnatius Van Order of Catskill and John Bronk of Cossackie.

That he entered the service on the twentieth day of September 1779 at the age of 16 years was immediately called into service as an Indian Spy and Schouting [Scouting] Party, we were sent in pursuit of the Indians and Tories who where [were] infesting this part of the country, they having established a Line from the Mountains in the County of Ulster through there Albany now green by the way of Schoharie and Montgomery Counties, and thence through the wilderness to Canada. Declarant says that he with his Companions were kept constantly out, on the watch & alert until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1780 making six months and twenty five days.

In April 20<sup>th</sup> 1780 I was again called out under Capt Teunis Van Waggenen to pursue the Indians and Tories who had taken Capt David Abeel Junr and his son Anthony prisoner who were then on their way to Canada we pursued them to a place called the Brachabeen in the County of Schoharie we were here prevented from further persuit [pursuit] in consequence of the [Fenhet?] in the River and want of necessary for the term of one month we then returned along the lien of enemy, schouring [scouring] and searching for them until we arrived at the place called [Hishataminatic?] from which the Abeels had been taken on which part we with our friends in pursuit of [?] to assist us with provisions &c, we continued searching the woods for the Indians and Tories untill the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12 of November 1780, when we went into winter quarters.

That in the spring of 1781 in the month of May we were ordered to the House of Wessel Salisbury who commanded the Garrison. The full name was Anthony Van Bergen who commanded the regiment at a place called [Potosmaschosack?]. That he

served at this place one month. That they were then ordered to Schouer the woods in pursuit of Indians & Tories along the frontiers, until November the 9<sup>th</sup> when we were ordered to Albany the command of Lieut Richard VanDenBurgh to defend the Fort and City of Albany. I went to Albany as Orderly Serjent [Sergeant] remained there one month then returned home and remained there until June 1782 when I was again called out under Capt John J. Woodbeck for the purpose of clearing the woods from the Indians and Tories, was in this company two months and upwards, when then called out under Col Dubois and Capt Jacob Van Vechten to Salisbury where we remained one month and four days. I am verry [very] certain that the times of service at the particular place named above are less than the actual time but prefer receiving if anything a less amount than to claim more time than I actually served. I [am] certain of my age from a record made in the Family Bible. I have no other evidence of my service that the following affidavits hereunder written, to wit. The affidavit of Capt Barret Dubois and Peter Bogardus.

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) John Van Orden Sworn and subscribed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 in open court. William V. B. Heermance Clk.

Letter in folder dated April 27, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Benjamin DuBois, John Van Orden and John Baptist Dumond, all of Greene County, New York.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a John Baptist Dumond. The records of Benjamin C. Dubois and John van Orden are given herein as found in pension claims based upon their service in the Revolutionary War; said records are those of the only soldiers with those names, found on the records of this office, war of the Revolution.

Benjamin C. Dubois – S. 12816.

Benjamin C. Dubois was born on or about September 10, 1750 in Catskill, Greene County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Albany, Albany County, New York, he was commissioned June 21, 1776, 1st Lieutenant, Captain Henry Marselus' company, Colonel Cornelius Van Dyck's New York regiment, was in the Battle of Saratoga, at the surrender of Burgoyne and at the storming of Stony Point, and continued until July 1, 1780, at which time he was promoted Captain in said regiment, and served eight months, during which period he was stationed at West Point and was at Crompead at the time of Andre's execution, and at Fort George on Long Island; from April 1781, he served as Captain, Colonel Cornelius Van Dyck's regiment, was at King's Bridge, at Fort Griswold, in the battle of Johnstown, New York, and at Canada Creek, and continue one year; from May 1782, her served as Captain, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York

regiment at least six months, stationed near New York. He was present when the British evacuated New York, and present at the farewell dinner to General George Washington, December 4, 1783, in New York City, then marched to White Hall, when General Washington embarked for the south.

Benjamin C. Dubois was allowed pension on his application executed August 25, 1832, at which time he resided in New York City, New York. He made no reference to wife or children at the time he made application for pension.

John Van Orden—R. 10882.

John Van Orden was born September 20, 1763 in Catskill, Albany County (later Greene County), New York; the names of his parents are not shown. He resided in that same place until May 1833, with the exception of eighteen years, during which he resided in Montgomery County, New York.

He applied May 28, 1833, for pension which might have been due on account of his service in the Revolutionary War; he resided then in Catskill, New York. He stated then that September 10, 1779 (his sixteenth birthday) he volunteered as a minute man in Captain David Abeel's company, Colonel Anthony Van Vergan's New York regiment and was out scouting and spying against the Indians in the mountains for about six months; that April 20, 1780, he volunteered in Captain Teunis Van Wagener's company to go in pursuit of the Indians who had imprisoned Captain Abeel and his son, Anthony, and served one month; that in May 1781, he enlisted and served one month in defense of a fort near Albany with the troops under Colonel Anthony Van Bergen; and that he served subsequently about two month in Captain John Woodbeck's company in the summer of 1782, and a tour of one month under Captain Jacob Van Vechten.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service of six months in a regular organized military corps, as required by the pension law under which he applied.

John Van Orden stated that his sister lived in Albany County, New York, in 1833, but he did not give her name; he made no references to wife or children.

In 1833, one Peter Van Orden was a resident of Windham, Green County, New York; no relationship between him and the soldier, John Van Orden was stated.