

Pension Application for Hendrick Van Schaick

W.18215 (Cathalina)
State of New York
County of Cayuga SS.

On this fifteenth Day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Gershom Marn one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the County of Cayuga Hendrick Van Schaick a resident of the town of Summerhill in the County of Cayuga & State of New York aforesaid aged seventy one years on the 19 day of Feby Inst. [instant, this month] 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 belonged to a company of Militia in the Town of Easton Washington County & State of New York that was frequently called into public service on short tours of duty on alarms and emergencies. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the summer of the year 1778 he was called into service under Maj. Jacob G. Van Schaick (1) (his father) Capt. Peter Van Wort, (2) Lieut. Storms & Ensign Garret Van Buren (who were the officers that commanded the company and marched to Saratoga from thence to Fort Edward and was out four weeks & returned home.

That in the summer of 1779 he was called into service, the company was called out, under Col. C. Van Veghten,(2) Capt. P. Van Wort, Lieut Storms & Ensign Van Buren marched to Saratoga Barracks from thence to Fort George continued a short time from thence down Lake George to Ticonderoga & returned home absent five weeks.

That he was again called into service in the fall of 1779 under Capt. P. Van Wort & Ensign Van Buren marched to Saratoga from thence to a place called Palmertown and was out eight days.

That some time in the fall off the year 1779 he volunteered for three months service under Capt. Sherwood (3) and marched to Fort Ann where we were stationed that after the expiration of three weeks he was taken sick and his father Maj. J. B. VanSchaick furnished a substitute by sending a Negro man (4) who took his place and who served until he the Negro was taken prisoner by the British and was carried to Montreal where the Negro was kept as a waiter for Patrick Langdon & Sir John Johnston [Johnson] until after the close of the war.

That in the summer of the year 1780 he was called into the service under Major J.G. Van Schaick (his father) Capt. Peter Van Wort and Lieut Storms and Ensign Van Buren marched to Saratoga from thence to a place called Palmerstown from thence to Jessups Landing and was out six weeks that in the fall of the same year 1780 he was again called out under Capt. P. Van Wort & Ensign Van Buren and marched to Fort Miller and was out ten days.

That in the summer of the year 1781 he was called out under Capt. P. VanWort, Lieut Storms and Ensign Van Buren marched to Saratoga from thence to Fort Edward & from thence to Lake George and continued a short time and was out four weeks. That in the fall of 1781 he was again called out under Capt. P. VanWort, Lieut. Storms & Ensign VanBuren marched to Saratoga from thence to a place called Palmerstown and was out four weeks.

That in the year 1782 he was called out under Capt. P. Van Wort & Ensign Van Buren marched to Saratoga from thence to Palmerstown and was out three weeks. That he has no documentary evidence of service and that knows of no person whose testimony he can procure.

That owing to old age and consequent loss of memory it is impossible to be more particular in referring to the time in the year in which he was called out as he was so situated that he was liable to be called out and was frequently called out on short tours of duty and that the whole of the term that he served was at least as much as stated in the above declaration.

1. Was born in the town of Half Moon, Saratoga Co. on the 19th day of Feby 1763 & my father as I was informed and believes moved to Easton Washington Co. NY the March following where I lived until I was sixty five years old.
2. I have a copy of the record of my age.
3. I lived in the Town of Easton Washington Co. New York.
4. Called into service as stated above.
5. As served above
6. Do
7. I am known to D. Bennie Esq., Silas Baker Esq., Capt. Morten Barber, Mr. Thomas Hunt, Capt. N. Cutler of Summerhill Cayuga Co. & State of New York

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) HendrickVanSchaick.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Sworn before me the day & year above written. Garshom Moore, a Judge of Cay. Com. Pleas.

On June 20th 1844, Cathalina VanSchaick applied for pension, she stated she was aged seventy seven years; that she married Hendrick on the 16th day of July 1786 and that Hendrick died on the 18th day of September 1837. They were married at Schatacook , Saratoga County by Rev. Mr. Durant.

Pages from the family Bible appear to have been torn out and submitted with the claim:

Children:

Jacob H. born July 21, 1787

Gerrit H. born May 23, 1790

John H. born June 17, 1793

William H. born December 17, 1797

Gerrit H. Van Schaick married Hannah Dennis born November 24, 1793, their children were:

John born June 4, 1810

Lydia Ann [blotted]

Ruth Cathalina [blotted]

Philip Henry born January 17, 1815.

Charlotte born May 27, 1817

Humphrey Dennis born April 30, 1819

Frederick Allen born August 14, 1821

William Clarendon born July 8, 1823

Polly Jane born May 9, 1826

Cordelia born May 6, 1828

Hellen Mar born March 9, 1833

Eugene born October 21, 1836

Lydia Ann married Lawrence Vosburgh February 21, 1825

Ruth Cathalina married Franklin K. Hunt August 8, 1833

Philip Henry married Abigail Parsons January 1, 1837.

Charlotte married Jacob [blot] December 29, 1839.

Polly Jane married Andrew Douglass March 15, 1843.

John L.W. VanSchaick married to Salley (Mary Ann) Merchant, September 15, 1829.

End Notes—W.18215—Hendrick VanSchaick

1. Jacob G. VanSchaick was the second major in Colonel John McCrea's Thirteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia (The Saratoga District Regiment.)
2. Peter Van Woert was the Captain of the First Company in Colonel McCrea's Regiment. The following were officers in Captain VanWoert's Company; First Lieutenant was James Storm, Second Lieutenant was Jonathan Dunham and Ensign was Garret VanBuren. This service would not have counted towards his proof of service as he was only 15 years of age. He may be mistaken about the year. He didn't turn 16 until 1779.
3. Hendrick is mistaken about othe year for service in Captain Adiel Sherwood's Company. Adiel was the first lieutenant in Captain Jonathan H. Wendell's company. L Adiel was the First Lieutenant in Captain Jonathan H. Wendell's Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment until he resigned for family reasons on May 16, 1780. On July 1, 1780, Sherwood was appointed Captain in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies. Captain Sherwood's Company was nearly all captured at Fort Ann on October 10, 1780 by British, Loyalists and Indians under Major Christopher Carleton.
4. The negro man is listed as Roger VanSchaick, on Captain Sherwood's Muster Roll.