

Pension Application for Abel Van Scoy

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State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess now sitting Abel VanScoy a resident a resident [sic] of the Town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy seven years who being firstly 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the town of North Salem in the County of West Chester and state of New York on the ninth day of April seventeen hundred and fifty five has a record of his age given to him by his Father in his family bible now in his possession. That he was living in the County of West Chester in the Town of North Salem aforesaid when called into service. That he has lived in the County of Dutchess ever since the Revolutionary War in the Town of Fishkill Beekman and Paulings and now lives in Paulings.

That in the month of December in the year 1775 he enlisted as a volunteer for five months in a company commanded by Captain Cornelius Steenrods and in a regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake. That he entered the company and Regiment at North Salem and marched with them to New York and from thence to Hul Gate and was engaged and until his term of enlistment expired in building a fort at that place, that he was discharged by Colonel Drake but is not certain whether the discharge was verbal or written.

That his Uncle Timothy VanScoy living now in the Town of North Salem in the County of West Chester was a Searjant [Sergeant] in the same company with him and knows of his service, but that he is so old and infirm he can not procure living attendance in Court as a witness, that he has no documentary evidence of his service, that David Purday of North Salem in Wet Chester was a drummer in said Company and that has a certificate in his possession from the said Purdy of his service as aforesaid and the said Purdy promised to attend at the present September Term of this court as a witness but he believes that he died about a month ago, that in the year 1777 about the time Nathan Palmer was hung as a spy, the month he can not tell, he entered as a volunteer Captain Hopkins Company of the Militia at Peekskill under the Command of Col. Ludington had served the three weeks & received a verbal discharge.

That he afterwards I the year 1780 about the time Major Andree was taken probably as he thinks about six weeks afterwards but of the precise time he is not positive he entered in Captain [Stoner?] Company at the Red Mills now in the County of Putnam for three months and in actual [?] said Company to West Point and there remained as a soldier till his term of service expired and received as he believes a

verbal discharge from Captain Stoner, his Lieutenants name as he believes was Eliakim Bancum.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whom he can procure to testify to this service.

That in the fall or spring he is not positive which, in the year 1781 he entered Captain Joshua Menicks Company in Col. Swarthouts Regiment and served as a volunteer for three months in said company that he entered in said company at Fishkill & their duty was to patrol the highlands that his discharge was verbal from his Captain that Samuel Hawkins now living in Kent in the county [of] Putnam knows of his service under Menick but he is so infirm & aged that he can not attend court without great danger to his life, and that he has no documentary evidence of his service that he is known in his present Neighborhood to Archabald Campbell, Charles Ward, Benoni Rasce, Daniel Toffey, Washington Slocum, Daniel D. Aiken, James Delong, Gabriel S. VanDenburgh, to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a 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 with his mark) Abel Van Scoy

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry J. Traver, Clerk