

Pension Application for Frederick Vedder

S.21547

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

In this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Frederick Vedder a resident of the Town of Duanesburgh in the County of Schenectady and state aforesaid aged seventy three years and upwards who being first duty 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 was born in the place now called Glenville in the said County on the 28th day of April in the year 1761, a certified copy of the record of his baptism is hereto annexed.—

He has always resided in the County of Schenectady except three years during which time he resided in Broadalbin in the County of Montgomery and except the period engaged in the Revolutionary War. That he resided at the place called Rotterdam when he entered the service of the United [States] in the War of the Revolution.

That in the year 1779 he was enrolled in the Militia of the State of New York in company whereof Colonel Wemple (1) was Colonel and Captain Outhout (2) was Captain and Cornelius Z. Van Zantvoord was Ensign and this deponent was first or orderly serjeant.

And this deponent further says that in the month of September in the year 1779, he this deponent in the company aforesaid was ordered out in actual duty as a serjeant in said company to go to Stone Arabia and that this deponent together with the company aforesaid was marched from Schenectady to Stone Arabia and continued to do actual duty there for the space of three weeks when he was discharged he had no discharge in writing.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1779 in the month of October he this deponent was again called out with the company aforesaid and was marched to Caughnawaga that he did military duty at this time faithfully as a serjeant in said company for the term of three weeks when he was discharged he had no discharge in writing.

And this deponent further says that on the 22d day of May in the year 1780, he was ordered to warn the men of the said company to go to Caughnawaga at the time the family of the Fishers (3) were murdered by the enemy that he this deponent together with said company marched to Caughnawaga and continued on duty this period for the term of three weeks when he was again discharged and this deponent further says that he was out with said company on another expedition in the same year 1780 to Fort Hunter for two weeks when he was discharged. That he never had any written discharge.

That in the same year the time when Canajoharie (4) was destroyed he was at that place to repel the enemy on an expedition for two weeks when he was discharged at the expiration thereof.—

And this deponent further says that he was again in the year 1780 called out on duty in the said company and was marched to Fort Clyde that the expedition lasted for two weeks.

This deponent further says that in the month of October in the year 1780, he was again called out on an expedition to go to Ballston (5) that he was out on this excursion eight days and this deponent further says that he verily believes that he was out in actual duty in the year 1780 as much as five months.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1781, he this deponent together with Captain Outhout's Company aforesaid was stationed at a place called Claus Vielies Pass or the Rifts about four miles west of the City of Schenectady. That he remained there from the first of August until the first of November making three months when he was discharged and this deponent further says that in the same year year [sic]1781, in the summer of that year he was on an expedition to the BeaverDam so called in pursuit of Tories with a part of his company that this expedition employed this deponent three days.

And this deponent further says that he was on an expedition from Schenectady to Currys bush (6) this lasted only two days.

And this deponent further says that the foregoing services were performed by him as Orderly Serjeant in the said company of Captain Outhout in the Regiment of Col. Wemple and that he can not detail more minutely than he has done the particulars of his services in the war of the Revolution.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia, regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Co. Wemple, Major Wemple (7), Captain Fonda (8), Cornelius Z. VanZantford Ensign, Capt. Walter Swits (9), Captain Banker.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, Simon J VanAntwerp, Bartholomew, Schmerhorn and Cornelius Z. Van Zantfoord.

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) Frederick Vedder

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk
Reply to a letter of inquiry dated April 10, 1936.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Frederick Vedder, a pensioner, in 1834.

The record of Frederick Vedder is given herein as shown in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S. 21547, based upon his service in that war.

Frederick Vedder was born April 28, 1761 in a town later called Glenville, in Schenectady County, New York. He was the son of Arent Vedder and Catrina VanPetten, and was baptized May 3, 1761 in the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church in Schenectady, New York.

While a resident of a town later called Rotterdam, in said Schenectady County, he enlisted in September 1779, served on various tours as late as November 1781, amounting in all to about six months and fourteen days, as sergeant in Captain Outhout's company, Colonel Wemple's New York regiment; during his service, he was engaged against the enemy in the vicinity of Stone Arabia, Fort Hunter and Fort Clyde.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 30, 1834, at which time he resided in Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York. He stated then that he had resided in that county always, with the exception of three years when he resided in Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York.

Frederick Vedder made no reference to wife or children.

End Notes—S.21547—Frederick Vedder

1. Abraham Wemple was appointed Colonel of the Second Regiment of Albany County Militia (Schenectady District) on October 20, 1775.
2. On June 28, 1778 the following company officers were commissioned in Colonel Wemple's Regiment: Abraham Oothout—Captain. John Roseboom—First Lieutenant. Nicholas Barheyt—Second Lieutenant. Cornelius Van Santfort—Ensign.
3. Frederick is referring to Colonel Frederick Visscher who had been tomahawked and scalped but survived, his mother also had been tomahawked and survived but his brother's Captain John Visscher and Private Harmanus Visscher were killed in this raid led by Sir John Johnson.
4. Captain Joseph Brant destroyed what is now the Village of Fort Plain and the Town of Minden, Montgomery County, New York on August 2, 1780.
5. BallsTown now the Town of Ballstown, part of the Village of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, N. Y. was destroyed on October 17, 1780, by Captain John Munro.
6. Curry's Bush or Curries Bush is in present day Town of Princetown. This settlement is in present day Schenectady County, NY. This settlement is often confused with Currrytown Tryon County (now Montgomery County), NY.
7. Second Major Myndert M. Wemple in the Second Albany.
8. Captain Jellis J. Fonda of the First Company in the Second Albany.
9. He is probably referring to First Major Abraham Swits of the Second Albany.