

Pension Application for Andries Witbeck

S.15256

State of New York

County of Columbia SS

On this thirteenth day August 1813 [this has to be at least 1833] personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Hudson in the County aforesaid now sitting Andries Witbeck a Resident of the the [sic] Town of Stuyvesant in the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Capt Lambert Bogart, Lieut Isaac Van Valkenburgh and myself as Ensign. At that time my name was written Andrew Witbeck Junr my uncle Andries Witbeck was Colonel and thinks the Major was Isaac Gois—That he left home in October 1775. And marched by the way of Albany to Saratoga—and thence to Caghnawaga [Caughnawaga] now Montgomery County march[ed] about in that section of County about forty days and returned home.

Went again he thinks the year following the surrender of Burgoine in the fall of the year Capt Isaac VanValkenbergh, Lieut John Van Alstine this applicant went again as Ensign marched from Kinderhook to Stillwater they went on alarm, he was warned in the evening to appear the next morning on Horseback with three days provisions—they Rendezvoused in the village of KinderHook and marched to Stillwater where their Horses were turned in a meadow called Livingston's [?] and a guard placed over them that they remained there about three weeks then he returned home and after he returned Home he was kept on duty continually watching Tories and Guarding the County from their depredations.

That again the year following as he thinks in the fall of the year he was again ordered out under the aforesaid officers and marched to Green Bush and remained there about two weeks—waiting for orders and were finally sent home.

Again he thinks the following year he was called out under the same officers as aforesaid and marched form KinderHook to Stillwater in Saratoga County –where they found the troops at that time from the south who were stationed there does not recollect the name of a single officer except those [?] whoes [who is in] immediate command he saith it is long since the transactions took place and and [sic] his memory is ever of the Best.

And this applicant farther says that he (altho he can not state the times or places except those already stated except being almost dayly and nightly called out whilst at Home) has served during the seven years of the Revolution and Ensign at least two years that he had no commission at any time but acted [acted] without such Commission that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of but then living witnesses two of whose affidavits are hereunto annexed to wit William Vosburgh & John Staats.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name fi not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Andres Witbeck.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, clerk

Letter in folder dated April 13, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Pieter [sic] Van Alen whose wife was Josina Dingman, Abraham M. Van Alstyne, wife Caharine Van Alen, Jan Van Hoesan who was born 1731, Andreies Witbeck, Martina A. Van Alstyne, and William W. Foster, all Revolutionary War soldiers of Kinderhook, New York.

A search of the Revolutionary War records fails to show claims for pension or bounty land on file made to the United States based upon service of Jan Van Hoesan and Peter Van Alen as described by you, or of any Abraham M. Van Alstyne. The records of Martin A. Van Alstine and AAndries Witbeck are furnished herein as shown in the papers on file in their claims for pension, based upon Revolutionary War service.

MARTIN A. Van Alstine—S.23036

Martin A. Van Alstine was born March 7, 1753, the place of his birth and names of his parents not shown.

While a resident of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1775, served at various times in that year and in the years 1776, 177, 1780 and 1781, amounting in all to seven months and a few days, as sergeant and corporal under Lieutenant Van Everen, Captain Ryneir Van Everen, Copeman, Bigbread, Warner Dygart and Wallace, Colonels Samuel Campbell, Van Rensselaer and Willet in the New York troops; during the period of his service, he was in the battles of Stone Arabia, Sharon and Johnstown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 12, 1835, at which time he resided in Root, Montgomery County, New York.

Martin A. Van Alstine referred to his children in 1835, but he did not give any names, nor is the name of his wife shown.

The above record is that of the only soldier named Martin Van Alstine found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

ANDRIES WITBECK—S.15256.

Andries Witbeck was born January 23, 1752, in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, and resided there during the period of the Revolution; the names of his parents are not shown. He stated that his name was written Andries Witbeck, Junior, at the time he entered the war, as his uncle, Andries Witbeck was a Colonel.

Andries Witbeck, (Junior), enlisted in October 1775, served as ensign in Captain Lambert Berghardt's New York company, marched to Caughnawaga, and

returned at expiration of service of forty days; from sometime in October 1778, he served as ensign on various tours until October, 1780, in Captain Isaac Van Valkenburgh's New York Company; his entire services amounted to two years and ten days.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 13, 1833, at which time he resided in Stuyvesant, Columbia county, New York. Said Stuyvesant was a part of the town [of] Kinderhook. The soldier had never moved from his native town.

Andries Witbeck died January 4, 183.

No reference was made to wife or children of the soldier in this claim.

The above record is that of the only Andries Witbeck found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.