

Pension Application for Garrit S. Veeder

S.7792

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County now sitting Garrit S. Veeder, a resident of the town of Rotterdam in said County aged eighty-one 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.

He was born in the then township now City of Schenectady, in the then now County of Schenectady then County of Albany in said state on the 4th July (old style) in the year 1751. The record of his age is contained in his Bible & in the Register of Baptisms, kept by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in said city.

From the time of his birth, until the commencement of the revolutionary war, he lived in said township—since said war he has lived in said township, & he now lives in the town of Rotterdam aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

In the month of July 1775, he received the appointment of First Lieutenant in the company of Minute men commanded by Captain John Mynderse in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was colonel. He served as such lieutenant until the spring of the year 1776 when he received the appointment of captain as herein after stated—while in the service as such Lieutenant he marched to Johnstown in the beginning of the year 1776, with a detachment of militia from Schenectady, on this occasion Sir John Johnson surrendered himself a prisoner of war & disarmed his tenants & dependants. He also while such lieutenant marched to Albany & other places in the vicinity of Schenectady aforesaid and performed his quota of duty at the Schenectady garrison. In confirmation of said appointment he received a commission as such lieutenant which is signed by Nathaniel Woodhull President of Congress & is hereinto annexed, & bears date the 20 October 1775.

He received the appointment of Captain in the Continental Line by commission dated 1st March 1776 in the regiment of forces of the United Colonies raised in and for the defence of the Colony of New York, commanded by Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop. The lieutenants of said company were Solomon Pendleton & David Bates & Ephraim Snow Ensign. This appointment he accepted & served under in the winter of the year 1777, he received the appointment of Captain in the Continental Line “during the war”—which appointment he declined to accept, but still continued to serve as captain as aforesaid until the end of the revolutionary war.

He was in the engagement at the taking of Burgoyne and his army, and had then the command of a detachment of men at Bemis’s Heights.

He was marched to the Norman’s Kill to Caughnawaga, Fort Plain, Fort Plank, Stone Arabia, Schoharie, & had then the command of the Middlefort—also to Beaverdam, Ballston, and at many other posts & passes to intercept the enemy, and repel their incursions upon our frontiers.

His commission as Captain as aforesaid has several times been used by others to substantiate the claims for pension of George Shannon and other soldiers who served under him and who were found entitled to the benefits of the acts under which they applied. In consequence his said commission became mutilated, and he has now only fragments thereof which are hereto annexed. This commission was signed by John Hancock, President of the Provincial Congress & Countersigned by Charles Thompson Secretary.

He declares that he is the identical person mentioned in the first named commission as “Garrit N. Veeder” and in the last named commission as “Garret, S. Veeder”.

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: Col. Wemple, Gen. Schuyler, Major Swits, Generals Gates, Arnold, Poor, & Patterson & Larned of the Connecticut line also Colonels Daton, VanSchaick, Willett & he never received any written discharge from the service. Besides his commissions he had a muster roll of his company which is hereunto annexed—He had several other but they are now lost.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose affidavits are annexed or who can testify to [?] services.

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: Joseph G. Yates, James V.S. Reyler, Jacob Swits, John Lander, Rev. Jacob VanVechten.

Her 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) Garrit S. Veeder

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid, John S. Vrooman.
Letter of inquiry answered September 3, 1936.

The data furnished herein pertaining to Garrit S. Veeder were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.7792, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution.

Garrit S. Veeder was born July 4, 1751 (old style) in Schenectady, New York. The names of his parents were not stated.

While a resident of said Schenectady, Garrit S. Veeder was appointed sometime in July, 1775, first lieutenant in Captain John; Mynderse's company, Colonel Abraham Wemple's New York Regiment, and was commissioned, March 1, 1776, captain of the fourth company in Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop's New York Regiment; he was at the taking of Burgoyne, and continued in the service until the close of the ar.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 18, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York. He died February 18, 1836.

On February 26, 1855, C. N. Northrup, writing from Chattanooga, Tennessee, referred to Captain Garret S. Veeder of Schenectady, New York, War of the Revolution as "my grandfather by marriage".

Simon Veeder—S.19494

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.19494, based upon the service of Simon Veeder in the Revolutionary War.

Simon Veeder was born May 31, 1748 (old style) in Schenectady, New York. The names of his parents were not given. His age was recorded in the "Register of Baptisms" of the Reformed Protestant Cutch Church of Schenectady. His family was residing in the Mohawk Valley during the Revolution and suffered many hardships, particularly in the year 1780, when the British under Sir John Johnson devastated the "Whole Mohawk Country".

While a resident of Caughnawaga, Township of Johnstown, Tryon (later Montgomery) County, New York, Simon Veeder enlisted early in June, 1775, served at various times as a sergeant in Captain John Davis' company, Colonel Frederick Fisher's New York regiment, did garrison duty at several forts and was in frequent expeditions in defense of the frontiers, Captain John Davis was killed at the battle of Oriskany, after which the company was commanded by Captain Abraham Veeder; he was at the surrender of Burgoyne under Lieutenant-Colonel Volkert Veeder; he was appointed sometime in July, 1780 Quartermaster to Colonel Frederick Fisher's regiment, but did not receive his commission as quartermaster until March 8, 1781; he was in both battles of Johnstown and in many alarms and scouting parties, continued in the service until the close of the war.

Simon Veeder was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York. He was then referred to as Judge Simon Veeder. He died December 18, 1836 in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery County, New York.

He left no widow, name of his wife is not given. The following were his surviving children in 1850—Simon Veeder, John S. Veeder, and Magdalen Wemple, all of the town of Mohawk.

John Veeder was living in 1832 in Johnstown, New York; Myndert B. Wemple in 1832 was a resident of said Johnstown; and Daniel B. Wemple in 1850 was of Montgomery County, New York. They all stated that they were well acquainted with the soldier, Simon Veeder, during the Revolution, but no relationship was shown, nor was it stated the Captain Abraham Veeder and the Lieutenant—Colonel Volkert Veeder under whom he served were relatives.