

Pension Application for Christian Hoffstader

S.43693

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this 16th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, personally appears Christian Hoffstader aged seventy eight years, resident in the town of Schuyler in the County of Herkimer aforesaid who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Christian Hoffstader enlisted for three years at the now town of Schuyler in the county and State aforesaid, in the month of May in the year 1777, in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Andrew Finck in the first regiment in the New York line commanded by Col. Goes VanSchayck [Goose VanSchaick] – that he continued to serve in said corps in the Continental establishment, against the command enemy for more than one year, when he was discharged from the said corps in the service aforesaid in consequence of his having procured a substitute, who was accepted and served in said company as this deponent understands and believes, until the close of the year 1780—

That Godfrey Crandall was the substitute procured and accepted as aforesaid and that this deponent paid the said Godfrey eighty dollars for taking his place and serving the remainder of the three years for which he the said Christian had enlisted— that he the said Christian received no written discharge from the service, because the term for which he enlisted at the time when the said substitute was accepted , had not expired—that he the said Christian was in the engagement with the picket guard at Fort Edward, and at the battle of Stillwater and at the taking of Gen. Burgoine and his army—

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support—

That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, than the affidavit of Andrew Finck, which is hereto annexed—and that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any and every pension heretofore allowed him by the United States or any individual State. (Signed with his mark) Christian Hoffstader

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. David Holt, Judge of Herkimer Com. Pleas

Letter in folder dated April 29, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.43693, it appears that Christian Hoffstader enlisted at Schuyler, Herkimer County, New York, in May, 1777, and served more than a year in Captain Andrew Finck's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment; he was in the battles of Fort Edward and Stillwater and the taking of Burgoyne.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818, at which time he was living in Schuyler, New York, aged seventy-eight years.

In 1820, the soldier stated that his wife was seventy-four years of age, her name is not given.

A son, David, and son-in-law, Peter Rema or Reema were mentioned.

The soldier died, January 14, 1834.

There are no further family data.