

Pension Application for Abraham Hoornbeck

S.31755

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this 9th day of October in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] of the County of Sullivan the same being a Court of Record now sitting at Monticello in said County Abraham Hoornbeck aged 72 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 the 7th 1832.

That in the year 1780 he entered the service of the United States at Rochester in the County of Ulster a Volunteer Militia man about the first of April as he thinks entered as a private in Captain Benjamin Kortright's Company thinks Levi Deyo was Lieutenant and Jacob D. Hoornbeck was Ensign but cannot say positively knows there was officers in the company by that name he does not recollect of any Colonel having command this year except Colonel John Cantine who was a Militia Colonel they were stationed at a fort on the frontiers in the Town of Rochester and frequently sent out as Indian Spies he continued on duty in said company until the fore part of January 1781, when the snow had fallen deep on the ground the Indians were gone from the frontiers and the soldiers were sent home for Winter Quarters he was in steady service at and about the first nine months this year as he believes.

In the fore part of the month of April 1781 he went on duty in the same company at the same place soon after the [back pay?] was borrowed, Captain Kortright left the same on other Military duty and Captains John Burnet from Orange County took command of the company and a Lieutenant by the name of Whitehouse in to the company at the same time Jacob D. Hoornbeck was Ensign and Colonel Paulding and the command of [the] Regiment. They performed the service kind of duty this year as formerly only the Indians were much more troublesome this year the Neighbourhood of Wawarsing was burned by the Indians in the month of August the applicant was under arms in the battle.

Continued in steady service this year until the last of December when he was permitted to go home he further states that during the Winter previous they were subject to be called on duty at any time and were only sent home for Winter Quarters and that during all this time he was not employed in any Civil pursuit Applicant cannot state the very day of the month when he entered the service nor the exact day when he quit owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory but is satisfied that he served not less than the periods above mentioned was never connected with any troops of the Continental Line as he recollects knew Colonel Wysenvelt he command a Regiment [Regiment] in Ulster County the new Levies as they were called belonged to his Regiment Colonel VanCortlandt's Regiment were quartered one winter at Rochester

near where the applicant was thinks this was the winter before he first entered the service.

The applicant was born in the year 1761 if he has kept a right reasoning from the best information in his possession has formerly had a family record which from oldness and use has become obliterated. Has resided ever since the Revolution in the neighbourhood where he now lives about 25 years ago the County of Sullivan was taken off from Ulster in Consequence of which his residence was [?] in to the County of Sullivan about five years ago he moved in to the County of Ulster a few roads over the line, and he further states that the reason of his making his application in this County is that he is much nearer the County seat of Sullivan then of Ulster County his witness lives in Sullivan which makes his whole proceedings much easier. And further there is no Clergyman who resides near him who has for want of particular acquaintance with him the said applicant testify to his character and their opinion of his Revolutionary Services. Hopkin Reynolds & Neal Benson.

Two of his near neighbours are now in Court who can testify to his character and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

And that it is for the services herein before described that he claims a pension that he hereby relinquishes every other claim to pension except he present & that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Abraham Hoornbeck

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid James H. Foster Dep. Clk.