

**Pension Application for John Hoover or Hoever, Huber, Hover, etc.**

R.5203

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this twenty ninth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me [Asslaiyas?] Loomis First Judge of the County Courts of the County of Herkimer aforesaid the same being a court of record according to the constitution and laws of the said state John Hoover a resident of the Town of Manheim in the said county and state aged ninety three years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An act passed June 7, 183 [no final digit on application] On account of services which he rendered in the service of the United States as a soldier in the war of the revolution; and he the said John Hoover further says that he served as a soldier in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war at the times in the manner under the officers at the several places and the length of time particularly mentioned descriptions and set forth in the affidavit of Daniel Hadcock hereunto annexed and this deponent says that he and the said Daniel Hadcock served together in the revolutionary war as he has detailed & set forth such services and this deponent says that he and the said Daniel Hadcock were together at the house of this deponent in Manheim aforesaid and talked over the services which this deponent performed in the war of the revolution and that they both agreed & recollected that this deponent served as a soldier in said war of the revolution in the service of the United States the length of time & other places under the officers & at the times as is particularly mentioned and set forth in said affidavit of said Daniel Hadcock and that the said affidavit of Daniel Hadcock was drawn by Judge Snell now deceased at the time this deponent talked over with the said Daniel Hadcock the service which this deponent performed in the war of the revolution as aforesaid and that said affidavit is drawn correctly according to the truth and this deponent did serve as a soldier in the United States in the revolutionary war as in said affidavit as mentioned as following in said affidavit with this account adopt as his declaration with his claim to a pension under said act to wit. And this deponent hereby adopts and makes the said affidavit of Daniel Hadcock hereunto annexed a part of his declaration of his claim to a pension under the act of Congress aforesaid and this deponent says that the said Daniel Hadcock (1) and Jacob Hoover know that this deponent served as a soldier in the war of the revolution and that he believes he can prove his service by the affidavits of the said Daniel Hadcock and Jacob Hoover hereto annexed to this deponent's declaration—and this deponent says that the said Daniel Hadcock a revolutionary pensioner of the United States as this deponent is informed & believes.

And he the said John Hoover hereby declares and says that he is not and never has been a pensioner of the United States and that he hereby relinquished all claim, [blotted] pension except the pension which he now claims for his services as a soldier of the revolution pursuant to the act of Congress aforesaid.

(Signed with his mark) John Hoover

Sworn and subscribed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 before me & I further certify that the said John Hoover is evidently in a state of bodily infirmity from his great age & debility that he is unable to attend court or even [record ends here]

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this [blank space] day of December 1838 before me [blank space] in and for the county of Herkimer aforesaid personally appeared Jacob Hoover (2) of the town of Little Falls in the said County & State aged seventy seven years and upwards who being by me duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that John Hoover of the Town of Manheim in said County is the brother of this deponent and they have always lived near each other and this deponent further says the said John Hoover was old enough at the commencement of the revolutionary war to do military duty but this deponent being younger did not do military duty till sometime after the war began but the said John Hoover (3) frequently during the war called away to go into the service & was frequently gone from home and as this deponent believes was engaged in the service of the united States; and this deponent being young at the time cannot recollect all the times the said John Hoover was gone.—This deponent recollects that the said John Hoover in 1776 left home to go into the service and was gone as this deponent believes from fifteen to thirty days & perhaps longer and at that time this deponent understood & believes that the said John Hoover was in the service: and this deponent says that he remembers well the Oriskany Battle (4) and that the said John Hoover was gone into the service before & at that time & was as this deponent always understood and believes in that battle and he was absent from home sometime during that period and this deponent does not recollect how long but he believes that said John Hoover was gone a month at least and this deponents belief is that it was between one and two months which is the closest he can state it: that in 1778 the said John Hoover was called out frequently to go into the service & was absent very often and gone a short time for few days & then came home: this deponent does not recollect for how long he was gone at any one time but it was not but a few days and this

deponent thinks that the whole time he went out in that year was as much as two months but he would not be certain about it: it is his belief that the different times the said John was out in 1778 would be about two months in the whole. – In 1779 the said John Hoover was called out very often & gone a few days at a time very much as he was the year before & he would think he was gone in the whole as long as two months & it might have been longer—In 1780 this deponent was in battle with the said John Hoover near stone church Palatine (5) under the command of Van Rensselaer and they were out at that time a number of days & the said John Hoover was gone at other times & deponent should say that John Hoover was gone in the whole over a month and it might be six weeks—In 1781 the said John Hoover was stationed [the record ends here]

Letter included in the pension folder. The copy is very poor.

March 22, 1937

Mrs. Florence S. Whelan

Dear Madam:

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, R.5203, based upon the military service of John Hoover in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of John Hoover are not shown.

He applied for pension September 29, 1838, while a resident of Manheim, Herkimer County, New York, and aged ninety-three years "and upwards". He stated that he served two to three months every year from 1775 to 1782 inclusive, in the Tryon County New York Militia as a private under Captains Severence Casselman, Henry Hoover, no relationship stated, Jacob C. Klock, (6) John Hesse, (7) Colonels Peter Bellinger, Klock and Willett (8) and that he was in the battle of Oriskany and in the battle near the Stone Church (9), Palatine, New York, under the command of Van Rensselaer.

His claim was not allowed as he did not furnish proof of his service as required by the pension law.

One Daniel Hadcock or Heathcock of Madison County, New York, February 7, 1832 stated that "he has been personally acquainted with John Hoover who is a resident in the Town of Manheim, county aforesaid (Herkimer where he made the affidavit) previous to the Revolutionary War, at the commencement of the war, during the war, to the final termination of the Revolution, and to this present day, \_\_\_also, "from the time they went to school together and always have been near neighbors together, and again when constraint in leaving their place of residence, when settled near Palatine Church, deponent (Hadcock or Heathcock) at Old Helmer's and the said Hoover at Daniel McDugle's again, near neighbors and there continued to reside until after the final termination of the Revolution, when again returned to their former place of residence, Royal Grant".

In 1838 Jacob Hoover, (10) brother of the soldier, was a resident of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, and aged seventy-seven years "and upwards". There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A.D. Hiller, Executive Assistant to the Administrator

End Notes—R.5203—John Hoover

1. Daniel Hadcock (Hetgoock, Heatcock, etc.), served as a private in Captain Henry Harter's Company in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. On Huber's muster roll dated Burnets Field 1779 lists Corporal Danniell Hetgoock for service of 5 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Jacob Hoover served as a corporal in Captain Peter Wagner, Jr's Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
3. John served in Captain Severinus Casselman's Company in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment. Casselman was a loyalist and fled to Canada and First Lieutenant Henry Huber Commanded the company. John is listed on Huber's Burnet's Field muster roll as serving 4 days. A Pay Roll of a draft under the command of Colo. Henry V[an] Rensselaer being in Duty in the month of Novemb' 1779 fourteen Days Captain Henry Staring commanding—John is listed as serving the 14 days. Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer commanded a regiment of levies in 1779. A draft was made from Colonel Bellinger's Regiment to augument the levies or to serve in their place. Captain Robert McKean from VanRensselaer's Levies was garrisoning Fort Dayton and a blockhouse called "Fort Mike" and may have left to go to Schenectady to be discharged. John also served in Captain Wagner's Company in Colonel Klock's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777. Captain Huber was taken prisoner at Oriskany.
5. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780. Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer commanded the American forces.
6. Jacob C. Klock had served as Second Lieutenant in Captain Casselman's Company in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment. Klock served under Huber when he took command of Casselman's Company.

7. Captain Hess was a Captain in Colonel Klock's Regiment. Peter Wagner Jr. served as the first lieutenant in Captain Hess' Company. Sometime in 1780, Wagner was promoted to Captain of the Company.
8. Marinus Willett served in several regiments but from 1781 to 1783 he commanded a regiment of New York State Levies.
9. The Palatine Stone Church still stands after escaping fire by the Indians in the October 1780 raid.
10. On Captain Huber's muster roll of 1779, it shows that a Rasler Huber (or Kasler) served in the company.