

Pension Application for Peter Hornbeck

S.15179

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On the twenty ninth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County now sitting as a Court of record, Peter Hornbeck now a resident of the town of Neversink in Sullivan County and State of New York aged seventy three years the sixteenth day of March last past, 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 was born in the then Town of Rochester Ulster County now Neversink Sullivan County on the sixteenth day of March 1760.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted during the summer of 1777, at Rochester Ulster County State of New York in a Company of Infantry as a private under Captain Andrew Bevier for one month which time he served in said Town of Rochester it being on the frontier guarding against the invasion of the Indians.

That during the same year he serve one month as a substitute for his father who had been drafted in the same company and same kind of service in the Town aforesaid. That subsequent thereto in the same year he served one month in the same company as a substitute for Johannes Kelder. That John Cantine was Colonel during this time but that the other officers he does not recollect.

That during the year 1778 he was drafted into the service of the United States as a Malitia [militia] soldier in a company commanded by Benjamin Cortright and entered said service about the first of April of that year and served there in eight months. That John Cantine was Colonel during that time.

That in the year 1779 he was again drafted in a company under the command of Derrick Westbrook as captain and entered said service as a private in the militia about the first of April and served therein eight months in said year. That Colonel Cantine was likewise his Colonel this year.

That in the year 1780 he was again drafted into a company under the command of Benjamin Cortright as Captain about the first of April of that year and served in said company as a private for eight months. And that John Cantine was also his Colonel during said year.

That the three last mentioned terms of service were all rendered in the Town of Rochester Ulster County in guarding against the invasions of the Indians.

That as this deponent believes Colonel Wysenvelt and Captain John L. Hardenbergh commanded troops called the new Levies lay at Rochester about nine months in that year.

That this deponent was in no battles during said service but that Warwasink was burnt by the Indians during the time.

That this deponent never received any written discharge from his officers.

That there are several person acquainted with his services in part whose affidavits are hereto annexed to wit Conrad Sheely, Henry Kittle and Abraham Hornbeck, and he knows of no other who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

That there are no clergymen residing near him who can testify to his reputed services or character but his neighbours among whom are Cornelius H. Sheely and Neil Benson of the Town of Neversink who can testify to his character and reputed services.

That in answer to the first interrogatory where were you born. Answers. He was born in the Town of Rochester Ulster County and State of New York on the sixteenth day of March 1760 as this deponent saw in a record of his father's family but which is not now in his possession.

In answer to the third Interrogatory where were you living when called into service. Answers. That he resided in the Town of Rochester and County of Ulster aforesaid.

That he has resided ever since the Revolutionary War in the said Town which has been divided and set off from the County of Ulster and is now called Neversink on Sullivan County and now resides in said Town of Neversink.

That he was drafted into the service in all except the two terms above mentioned in which he served one month as a substitute for his father Elisha Hornbeck and one month as a substitute for Johannes Kelder which service was in the year 1777.

That he served under Captain Benjamin Cortright and Captain derrick Westbrook and Captain Andrew Bevier and was acquainted with them and also John Cantine as Colonel and that Colonel Wysenvelt and Captain John L. Hardenberg commanded troops called the new Levies at the same place and also served under Lieutenant Moses Depuy—

That the deponent never received any written discharge from any of his officers—they were all discharged verbally. (Signed with his mark) Peter Hornbeck

Sworn to in open court before me this 29th day of January 1834. Jesse M. Foster Clk