

Pension Application for Christian Hufnagel

S.23714

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On the 20th day of Sept. [1832 is crossed out] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally came before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in open court [nothing written in this blank space] at the Court House in Johnstown in the County of Montgomery aforesaid.

Christian Hoofnaughle, a resident of the town of Canahohary (formerly of Palatine where he was born) in the County of Montgomery formerly all the County of Tryon aged sixty nine years the 25th 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as is herein stated--And that he was enrolled in the year 1778 into a company of Militia Commanded by Captain John Breadbeck (1) belonging to Colonel Jacob Klock Regiment of Militia--And that he was once called out and marched out in pursuit of the enemy to William Garlock's neighbourhood and that he was called out to a place called the Katssenbergh (2) when the enemy destroyed and burnt the buildings in that place where some of our citizens were killed, wounded & died, taken prisoners and that he went to Fort OX in the Herkimer County then Tryon to aid and assist in guarding the Fort and repelling the enemy— And that he went one trip to Klocks Bush in the Royal Grant (3) to repel the enemy when they had been murdering in that place—of and that he went to Johnstown to share in the Battle in October 1781 (4) but got there after the Battle had ended but went in company with Colonel Willet in pursuit of the enemy about fifty miles to the West Canada Creek where they overtook the British leader Major Ross & Capt Butler (5) and others and killed Butler and a number of other Tories & some Indians & made prisoners of a number of others from whence they returned to head quarters. And that he once went to Fort Clyde how long he does not recollect, the same to Fort Paris, and once he went on a scouting party into the Wilderness north four miles from Stone Arabia Fort four days and that he once went to Fox's to guard the neighborhood of Fox's for some time. And that all these services were performed by the orders of his Superior officers, but to designate the time wherein (except where stated) & how long to any one trip he cannot do. But that from the time of his enrolment to the conclusion of the Revolutionary War he in compliance of the Resolution passed by the old Congress the 27th Day of May 1775 and the command of his superior officers he was during said war from 1778 to the close with his musket, powder and balls in readiness at a moments warning.—

And that he this Claimant 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) Christian Hufnagel

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

Letter in the pension folder dated July 25, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information relative to Christian Huffnagel, a Revolutionary War soldier.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.23714, based upon the service of Christian Hufnagel in that war.

Christian Hufnagel was born March 25, 1763, in Palatine, Tryon County, New York.

While a resident of Palatine, New York, he enlisted in 1778 and served at various times until the close of the war, amounting in all to fifteen months and nine days, as private in the

New York troops under Captains John Bradbig, John Keyser (5) and Miller, and Colonels Jacob Klock, Dayton, (7) Waggoner, (8) Harper, (9) Samuel Clyde (10) and Willett, and was in the battle of West Canada Creek.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1832, while a resident of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York.

It was stated that the soldier's father, (11) whose name is not shown, was killed in the battle of Oriskany.

There are no further data relative to soldier's (12) family.

End Notes—S.23714—Christian Hufnagel

1. Christian was not 16 years of age until 1779. If he served in 1778, being under age it is likely he did garrison duty in one of the local forts. John Breadbake was the Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Christian may be referring to Captain Joseph Brant's Raid on the area today known as the Town of Minden and the Village of Fort Plain, Montgomery County, New York. This raid took place on August 2, 1780.
3. Possibly the raid which Captain John Keyser and his sons along with others including Klock's were taken prisoners. This raid was on March 15, 1780.
4. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Lieutenant Colonel Commandat Marinus Willett commanded the American forces. Major John Ross and Captain Walter Butler commanded the British forces.
5. Captain Butler was killed at the Skirmish at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1781.
6. Captains John Keyser and Henry Miller served in Colonel Klock's Regiment.
7. Elias Dayton was the Colonel of the Third New Jersey Continental Regiment. This regiment was only in the Mohawk Valley in 1776. Christian would have been only 13 years old. He may have met Colonel Dayton but he didn't serve under him.
8. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Waggoner of Colonel Klock's Regiment.
9. John Harper was the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of a regiment of New York State Levies in 1780.
10. Samuel Clyde was the Lieutenant Colonel in the First Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
11. Christian's father was also named Christian. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
12. Christian also served under Captain John Zeely in Colonel Klock's Regiment. Zeely was the first lieutenant in Captain Breadbake's Company. In 1778, Breadbake was the Captain of a Company of Rangers and 1780, he commanded a company in Colonel Lewis Dubois' Regiment of New York State Levies. For these two years Zeely served as Captain of the Fifth Company by an appointments but he never received a commission as captain. Lieutenant Zeely was taken prisoner at the Battle of Johnstown and his rank was given as lieutenant.