

Pension Application for Jacob D. Hoornbeck or Hoornbeek

W.18044 (Widow: Maria)

State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On this eleventh day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting being a Court of record having by law a clerk and a seal Jacob D. Hoornbeck a resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy eight 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 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he first entered the service in the year 1776 in the latter part of December; the whole regiment of Col. Hoornbeck was ordered to New Jersey to a place called Kakiat – marched through parts of Ulster and Oragne Counties to said place and was engaged in guarding the Country against the British who were at that time in Hackensack—served as Ensign in Capt Kortright’s Company and was there discharged after serving said term of one month—there was a Regiment there form Kingston in Ulster County and also one from Minisink does not recollect the names of their officers.

In the year 1777 for one month as a private as a substitute for his brother in law Hartman Emmitt who was one of a class of four who had to serve one month on his tour—was marched through Ulster and Orange Counties to Fort Montgomery and was placed in Fort Clinton across the Creek—entered this service in the month of June and recollects he came home in Harvest after serving said term of one month served under Capt. John Hasbrouck in Col. Levi Pawling’s Regiment George Clinton had the command of the fort—saw him frequently—

In the year 1778 in the month of April entered the service on the frontiers at Rochester in said County and served for seven months as a Ensign in Col. Hoornbeck’s Regiment in the Company of Capt. Benjamin Kortright—was engaged in Scouting about and guarding said Frontiers against the incursions of the Indians and Tories, and was discharged late in November in said year, scouted out to [Waswasink] Wawarsing and Marbletown along said frontiers where the Indians and Tories were continually alarming and warning the Inhabitants—went as a volunteer.

In the year 1779 early in the spring engaged again as a volunteer for seven months in said service in the said company of Capt. Kortright as an Ensign, was again employed in guarding said frontiers, and scouting about & was discharged late in November after serving said term.

In the year 1780 was also employed in the said service on said frontiers and served as ensign aforesaid from early in the spring till late in the fall a period of seven months or more—and was discharged at Rochester and was discharged at Rochester aforesaid

Service and served as Ensign on said frontiers for seven months and was employed in guarding said frontiers and protecting the inhabitants.

That said County where said applicant arrived in the time of the Revolutionary War was visited every year by the Indians and Tories and was very much exposed—and that it was necessary whenever the spring opened to guard said frontiers—that said applicant commanded detachments from part of the Militia of the surrounding country and that he was every season engaged in services on said frontiers except when he was absent as stated above on other duty—

That previous to receiving the commission a part of which is herewith transmitted) he had in the commencement of the Revolution received a Commission as Ensign in said Capt. Kortright's Company signed by Col. Jacob Hoornbeck and Major John Cantine, which was delivered up to said Col. Hoornbeck when he received the one signed by Governor George Clinton a part of which is herewith transmitted and hereto annexed—that said applicant has serv'd on other short tours frequently which he cannot now particularize, but of the terms above mentioned he is positive—and does positively swear that he has served his country in the Revolutionary War for more than two years.

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the Court as required by the War Department on his oath aforesaid he states that he was born on the fifth day of August in the year 1754 in the said town of Rochester in said County of Ulster, that his age is recorded in the family Bible in his possession, that he lived in said town when called into service, has lived there ever since and still resides in said town.

That he was called and entered the service as within stated—and that he has set forth the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served, and such Continental and Militia Regiments and such circumstances as he recollects according to his best recollections—

That he never rec'd a written discharge, that he rec'd a commission signed by George Clinton, a part of which is hereto annexed that it was kept by said applicant in a tomb and that the upper part of the same was destroyed in said trunk by mice getting into the same.—

That he can state the names of Cornelius Kortright & Johannis D. Schoonmaker—in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby 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) Jacob D. Hoornbeck

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. D. Soper, First Judge & Abm. A. Deyo, Jacob [Trumposin?]