

Pension Application for Christopher Roff

S.19454

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Delaware now sitting Christopher Groff a resident of the town of Hancock in the county of Delaware & State of Nw York aged seventy 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 was born in what was then called Courtlandts Manor now Somers in Westchester County in the State of New York on the 29th day of April 1762 agreeable to a record now in his possession and which he believes to be true, that he lived in that place until the war of the revolution—that in the year 1779 or 1780 he entered a company of militia drafted for three months as a substitute for John Farguson that Capt Stevens commanded the company, Lieuts Peacock and Gildersleeve were the other co. officers that he served the above term of three months and was discharged in November being then 17 years of age, that in the following fall he entered a company of militia drafted for four months, this company was raised for the defense of the inhabitants on the lines, the militia being classed with class of six furnished one man and he was paid the price agreed on by the head of his class Charles [Leed?] that Capt Hunt commanded the company Peacock & Tuttle were the Lieutenants Colonel Wisenvelt of Fishkill Dutchess County commanded the Regiment before this tour of service, four months, expired they marched to Albany where he with a few others were discharged at Saratoga a short time afterwards and about three weeks before the term of four months expired, during this tour of service Arnold's plot it was then termed, was dismissed and he this deponent being then at North Castle on duty as a centinel had charge of Andree then a prisoner. That during this tour of duty the company suffered much for want of provisions the lines from cold &c.

That in the winter of the year 1782 he was enrolled in a company of militia termed minuite [minute] men under Capt. Henry Strang. Col John Drake & Major Delevan were field officers he thinks, as regards Delevan he is positive, and that he continued in that company until peace was declared during which time he with the company was frequently called out, at one time and he thinks that the longest they were on the lines about three weeks. At three different times they were ordered and marched to Morisena that they had frequent skirmishes but no battle, at one time killed & made prisoners Capt. Totton and twenty one men of the refugees that whole on duty at fox-meadow six miles below White Plains he with four others were taken prisoners and kept four weeks when he was exchanged for a man by the name of Tucker.

That according to his recollection he was in that company about two years and that he was in actual service at best one half of the time and employed as above stated and that he has no evidence of his services except such as [?] annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity [annuity] except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed Christopher Roff

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C.B. Sheldon, Clerk

Letter in folder dated June 14, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.19454, it appears that Christopher Roff was born April 29, 1762, at Cortland Manor, Westchester County, New York.

While residing there, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows:

In 1780 [hand written in margin *Arnold deserted Sept 25, 1780.*] three months in Captain Stevens' Company under Major Talmadge; in the following fall nearly four months in Captains Hunt's and Samuel Haight's Companies, Colonel Weissenfels' Regiment.

In the winter of 1782, he joined Captain Henry Strang's Company of minute men under Colonel Drake, they were called out at different times, were in frequent skirmishes, and while on duty at Fox Meadow, he was taken prisoner and held about four weeks when exchanged. He served in this way until peace was declared, in all about one year.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, at which time he was living in Hancock, Delaware County, New York.

There are no data as to family.

The above Christopher Roff, Roof or Ruff is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.