

Pension Application for Evert Hofman or Hoffman

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State of New York

County of Ulster

On this 6th day of August 1832, personally appeared before me, Abraham A. Deyo one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid Ernest Hoffman a resident of the Town of Shawangunk in the County aforesaid aged 82 years 6 months 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.

First—That in the month of January 1776 he was ordered out of the company of Captain [?] Robinson and the regiment of Col. Hardenbergh. That he was an Ensign in the said Company and Regiment—and we marched to Hackensack bridge and placed under the command of Major Paulding for the term of 2 ½ months and served for said term & was there dismissed.

2nd That in the summer of 1776—he was a volunteer for 3 months to go to fort Clinton and volunteered in Shawangunk with a part of the regiment aforesaid of Colonel Hardenbergh and was placed under the command of Captain Matthew Jansen and Colonel Snider and served as Ensign in said company at Fort Clinton helping to build the breast works & was then discharged.

3rd That in November 1776 he was ordered out of the said Regiment of Colonel Hardenbergh to go to Haverstraw for the term of 1 ½ month that he was in the company of Capt. [Siah?] Robinson as an Ensign and served at Haverstraw for said term & was there dismissed.

4th That in October 1777 the 6th day of October was notified and ordered to Fort Montgomery, that they stated some the same day & some the next he this deponent & some others went on Sunday the 6th and got to Fort Montgomery that night next day the fort was taken he was in the engagement, had his gun stock shott [shot] off while engaged in battle—from the fort he went to New Windsor and there joined his own company and regiments and was marched from thence to Kingston and from thence to Hurley & was there discharged after having served for 2 months again an Ensign.

5th That on different occasions he was ordered out with the said company and on small excursions when only a part of the company was out on alarms & the guard different places—for at least 8 times as an Ensign during each of which times he was out on an average at least two weeks—during each of which times he was out on an average at least two weeks—4 months making that during said last mentioned services he was marched to Fort Montgomery, to the business of Warwarsing [Wawarsing] to West Point, to Peenpack, to Rochester, & Mamakatting. [Mamakating]

That in all the said Engagements he was an Ensign and served as such.

That he was elected Ensign in the Spring of the year 1775—but did not receive his commission until—Clinton became Governor he received his commission the 4th

July 1778 the same is herein enclosed the reason for his not getting his commission sooner that he was informed he could not get a proper one.

That to the Interrogatories of the Secretary of War he answers to the

1st. That [he was] born in the Town of Shawangunk aforesaid in the year 1750 in the month of March the 7th day.

2nd That my age is recorded in the family Bible and in the Church at Shawangunk aforesaid.

3rd That I have always lived in Shawangunk aforesaid.

4th That he was ordered out on each occasion except the 2nd that he then was a volunteer.

5th That he was not stationed in the vicinity of any Regular troops except at Fort Montgomery that then Clinton was in chief command that Col. Dubois' Regiment of Regulars was lying there & Captain Moody's Company of Artillery.

6th That I did not receive my commission until the 4th July 1778—but was elected and always was in the Regiment & company as an Ensign and did not get my commission because I would rather wait to get a proper one.

7th That I can prove my services by John McCord & Michael Billinger that—I can prove my election by John McCord & Michael Billinger that I can prove my character & reputed services by James Tanney & Jonathan Alsdorf. That I can prove by James N. Mitchell that a man by the name of Col. Terwilliger did sate to him a few days ago that he did know of the said Election in 1775 when I was elected an Ensign and of my said Services but that he deceased about the 25th of last months. The said Cornelius Terwilliger was a Revolutionary Character and was going to apply for a pension himself & related the story about my Election & serviced—that he voted for me.

That 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) Evert Hofman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, Abm. A. Deyo, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Ulster aforesaid.