

Pension Application for Nicholas Hoos

S.23263

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Dorrance Kirtland first Judge of the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Greene (the said Court being a Court of Record) Nicholas Hoos a resident of the town of Coxsackie in the County of Green and State of New York aged between seventy two and seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition and supplementary to the declaration hereunto annexed in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That this declarant received an infury by a fall from a horse eight or nine years ago, that since that time his memory has been seriously impaired, and that he cannot therefore with precision state the names of all the officers under whom he did the services hereinafter set forth—That this declarant will therefore name only such as he can now remember.—

This declarant further saith that he does not believe that his name can be on the Rolls, because his services herein stated & also in his original declaration, were services rendered as one of the militia & not as a regularly enlisted soldiers—

That in the year 1778 this deponent belonged to a Militia company commanded by Capt. John Witbeck of Catskill now deceased, in a regiment commanded by Col. Anthony VanBergen of Coxsackie, then County of Albany and State of New York.

That the said company was classed and the class to which this declarant belonged was ordered to furnish one man for three months service for the United States—

That this deponent volunteered to go for his class for the said three months—That he was ordered to a military post then called Woodstock in the new County of Greene—That he there served the whole of the three months—That when he first went one VanValkenburgh was Captain & commanded there—That after he had been there a short time VanValkenburgh left there and the command was transferred to his Lieutenant by the name of Loop—That there were no other commissioned officers to his knowledge—

That he believes that both VanValkenburgh & Loop are dead—That he does not recollect any living soldier by whom he can prove the aforesaid service.

That early the next spring, this deponent still belonging to the militia company commanded by the said John Witbeck and attached to the said Regiment commanded by Col. Anthony VanBergen, volunteered to go for nine months for a class of the said Company who had to furnish one man for that length of time—That this deponent immediately thereupon, to wit in the spring of 1770, pursuant to orders for that purpose received, went to Schoharie in the State of New York & was stationed in forts there erected—That when he first went he was commanded by a Captain gray, that his Lieutenants' names was Loop & Becker.

That he served a short time under Gray, who was succeeded by a Captain Harrison whom this declarant then understood was from New England—That he does not now remember the name of any other officer—That he does not know that any of the said officers are living; and if they are alive, this declarants does not know where they reside—That he served the said nine months—That he does not know of any witness now living by whom he can prove the said service—That while at Schoharie he remained at what was called the lowest fort; there being at that time more than one fort.

That afterwards and in the same year in which Lord Cornwallis surrendered and in the early part of the spring of that year this declarant, belonging still to the militia company commanded by Captain John Witbeck of Catskill in the Regimen of Col. Anthony VanBergen agreed to serve for nine months for a class of the said company which had to furnish one man for that length of service.

That in the early part of that spring ,he was ordered to go to a place called [Passmassossac?] in the present term of Catskill in the County of Greene—That he went there immediately and that he remained & did duty there for the said nine months—that while there he was all the time under the command of Philip Conine who was a Captain Lieutenant in the New York line of the Continental Army—That the said Philip Conine is dead.

That after this deponent had served at Passmassossac & he thinks in the following year one Joseph Groom was drafted from the said Company of Militia commanded by John Witteck aforesaid to go to the north for three months.—That this deponent went as a substitute for the said Joseph Green [or Groom] (who is now deceased) immediately after the said draft to Johnstown in the County of Montgomery and State of New York.

That he was stationed at Johnson's Hall so called with about twenty or thirty men and served the said three months.

That this declarant has forgotten the names of the officers who commanded.

That this deponent is well acquainted with John J. Brandow & William J. Branders both of whom reside in this deponents neighbourhood, the one in the town of Cossackie, the other in the town of Greenville, the said towns adjoin each other; that this deponent has their certificate annexed to his original declaration.

That this deponent cannot according to his knowledge or belief – obtain any other testimony to prove his services that what is annexed to his original declaration; nor has he any written documents to substantiate the same—That there is not settled minister residing in his neighborhood.

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 with his mark) Nicholas Hoos

Sworn & Subscribed by the said Nicholas Hoos by making his mark he not being able to write his name before me. Dorrance Kirtland, First Judge aforesaid and I the said Judge do certify that the said Nicholas Hoos is a credible Person & that his statement is entitled to credit. Dorrance Kirtland.