

### **Pension Application for Jacob Shoecraft**

S.14439 Private, Captain Hasbrook, Regt. Col. Hardenberg. Born 1759, died 1836.

State of New York

Monroe County SS.

John Shoecraft of Penfield in the County of Monroe and State of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Jacob Shoecraft of Boylston in the County of Oswego is brother to this deponent. That the said Jacob Shoecraft in the year 1776 enlisted in Capt. Hasbroecks company in Col. John Hardenberg's Regiment for the term of nine months and eleven days in the Revolutionary Service and served the term of his enlistment—and further this deponent saith that the said Jacob Shoecraft in the year 1780 was in the Revolutionary Service in Capl Levi DeWits company in Col. Pauldings Regiment. And further this deponent saith that he understood that the said Jacob enlisted and served at other times than those above mentioned in the Revolutionary Service—and believes that he the said Jacob was in the Revolutionary Service at the different times stated by him. (Signed) Jacob Shoecraft

Subscribed and sworn to this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 before me. L. Adams Justice of the Peace.

State of New York

Oswego County SS.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Oswego now sitting Jacob Shoecraft a resident of the town of Boylston, in said county, aged seventy three 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the month of June on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> of that month in the year 1776 at the town of Paltz [New Paltz] in the County of Ulster & State of New York he enlisted for the term of five months in Capt. John Barbrook's company & Col. John Hardenburgh Jn Regiment of New York Militia called at that time New York "Levies" went immediately to the City of New York, remained there till some time in the month of August. Gen Scott then commanded the Brigade. Thence to Long Island, thence to New York, remained there till the city was taken in September & then went to Kings Bridge & thence to White Plains, thence to Peekskill on the Hudson River—then crossed the river & remained there till the first of December 1776 & was then dismissed & went home to Paltz.

Soon after in December 1776 volunteered for one month in Capt. Hardenburgh's company of Militia & went immediately to the state of New Jersey served his time out under Capt. Hardenburgh & went home.

In the month of November 1777 in the town of Shawangunk in county of Ulster New York enlisted for one months & half in Capt. Jonah Robinson's Company in Col. John Johnson's Regiment of Militia & went to new Windsor in Orange Co. N. York & remained there on guard till time was out—then went home.

In the month of July in the year 1778 he enlisted in Capt. Matthew Johnson's company for one month, west to West Point, remained there about two weeks, working on a fort, then went to Mamakating & remained there under Capt. Johnson till his time was out. Went home. In the month of April 1779 he enlisted for eight months in Col. Albert Baldwin's regiment & Capt. Hunter's company of New York Militia or "Levies". Went to a place in Ulster County called Minisink. There the Regiment was formed—Thence to Marbletown, thence to Shandakin & remained in a fort several weeks. Thence through the woods to the Susquehannah river, to meet Gen. Clinton. He was gone. The next day returned to Shandakin, remained there till October. Then to Marbletown. Thence to Fishkill east side of

the Hudson River & then crossed the Hudson to Stony Point. Then we worked on the Fort which the British had destroyed—In December he marched to Poukeepsie [Poughkeepsie] & remained there till the term of enlistment had expired, eight months.—Went home to Shawangunk where he had moved from Paltz. In the month of July 1780 he enlisted for three months & joined Col. Lewis Dubois Regiment of New York Militia At Westpoint. There 150 more detached from the Regiment & crossed the Hudson. Thence to Stony Point under Capt. Delevan & joined Col. Cortland's Regiment of light Infantry in Gen Harris Regiment & there was put under the command of Capt. Henry Dubois & served the three months; Then we marched to Poukeepsie in the state of New York where [where] we were dismissed. In the year 1780 he served for one month previous to the last mentioned service of three months in Capt. [Leve?] DeWitt's company in Col. Paulding's Regiment & was stationed at [?] Kill in the County of Ulster N. York.

He further declares that in 1777 he was called out on an "alarm" & went to Fort Montgomery six miles below West Point out about 10 days—same year went again to fort Montgomery on an "alarm", was out about nine days. Same year was call[ed] out again on "alarm", went again to fort Montgomery, out about nine days. In the month of October was call[ed] out again after Fort Montgomery was taken by the British—Went to Newburgh in orange County under Capt. Robinson in Col. John Johnson's Regiment. Marched there & followed the British vessels up the River as far as Esopus. Then to Newburg again, was out in this alarm about three weeks. In the spring of 1780 was called out to go to West Point—was out about ten day & went home—In the year 1781 He was called out & went to [?] Kill & was out nine days.

He further declares that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person, (except his brother John Shoecraft whose affidavit is hereto annexed) whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

In answer to certain questions put to him by the court under the direction of the War Department, he further declares 1. That he was born in the year 1759 on the tenth day of May in the town of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster, State of New York

2. He has a record of his age in his bible at home.

3. When called into service lived in the town of Paltz Ulster County N. York. Has lived since the Revolutionary War in Shawangunk, in Broadalbin County of Montgomery, New York, removed from there to Johnstown in same county, removed thence to the town of Schuylers in the county of Herkimer, removed from there to the town of Orwell now the town of Boylston, where he now resides.

4. Was a volunteer in the service.

5. Col. Paulding, Capt. Levi Dewitt, Col. Cortland, Col. Dubois, Gen. Putnam, Lord Sterling were among the regular officers where he served.

6. Never rec'd a written discharge from the service.

7. Rev. Daniel Caulkins, Peter Wells, Capt. Saermonth, Martin Lily, Ebenezer Wells, John Wart, Michael Sweetmen, Jacob Gordon & others.

And 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 Shoecraft

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written. D. McPherson, Dep. Clk or Oswego Com. Pleas.

Letter dated March 2, 1939 responding to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Jacob Shoecraft of Jefferson County, New York.

The data furnished herein concerning Jacob Shoecraft were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S. 14439, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. This is the record of the

only Jacob Shoecraft found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office; the surname was searched under similar spellings.

Jacob Shoecraft was born May 10, 1759 in Shawangunk, Ulster County New York. The names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Paltz, and in Shawangunk, New York, Jacob Shoecraft served from June 19, 1776, at various times as a private in the New York troops, under Captains Hasbrook, Hardenburg, Josiah Robinson, Matthew Johnson, Hunter, Levi DeWitt, Delevan, Henry Dubois, Colonels John Hardenburg, John Johnston, Albert Baldwin, Paulding, Lewis Dubois, and Cortland, length of service one year eleven months, and twenty-five days.

After the Revolution, he lived in Shawangunk, Broadalbin, Johnstown, Schuyler Orwell, and Boylston, New York. He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, then a resident of Boylston, New York.

John Shoecraft, brother of the soldier, Jacob Shoecraft, was living in 1832 in Penfield, Monroe County, New York.

Jacob Shoecraft died February 27, 1836. The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible date in regard to family.