

Pension Application for Joseph Conklin or Conckling

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Former widow: Sarah Benjamin

State of New York

County of Rockland SS.

On this 18th day of June AD 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Benjamin aged ninety three years, a resident of Haverstraw in the State of New York who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that she was formerly the widow of Joseph Conklin, deceased, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Amos Hutchings in a Regiment of New York Militia commanded by Colonel [blank] in the War of the Revolution, also a Private in Captain John Gardner's Company in Colonel A. Hawk Hays Regiment of New York Militia in said War. That her said husband volunteered at Haverstraw in the State of New York, about the year 1776 as "a minute man" for an indefinite term, and continued in actual service in said War for the term of more than fourteen days.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Conklin at Haverstraw aforesaid on the 19th day of January AD 1781, by one David Burns a Clergyman and that he name before her said marriage was Sarah Conklin; that her said husband died at said Haverstraw on the 18th day of January AD 1806. That she afterwards was married to Zachariah Benjamin, who died on the 19th day of December AD 1834. And that she is now a widow. No Public or private record of said marriages and deaths exists to her knowledge. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the "Act approved March 3, 1855." (Signed with her mark) Sarah Benjamin

E. T. Hill, J. D. Griswold

Letter in folder dated November 20, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War records of this bureau that Joseph Conklin (the name also appears Conckling), enlisted about 1776, in Haverstraw, New York, served as private with the Ne York troops under Captains Amos Hutchins and John Gardner and Colonel A. Hawk Hay. The entire length of service is not known.

He married January 19, 1781, in Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, Sarah, who stated that her name before said marriage was Sarah Conklin.

Soldier died January 18, 1806 in Haverstraw, New York.

His widow, Sarah, married Zachariah Benjamin in Haverstraw, New York. He died December 19, 1834.

Sarah Benjamin applied June 18, 1855, for the bounty land due on account of the services of her former husband, Joseph Conklin. She was then a resident of Haverstraw, New York, aged ninety-three years. She was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction.

Timothy Conklin an Jesse Conklin were residents of Haverstraw, New York, in 1855, and Nicholas N. Conklin and Hannah Conklin made affidavit in Rockland County, New York, in 1755 that they were well acquainted with the soldier, Joseph Conklin, and his wife Sarah. No relationship of those persons to the soldier is shown.

This is the history of the only Joseph Conklin of Rockland County, New York, found on the Revolutionary war records of this bureau.