

Pension Application for Seth Conklin

S.24128

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this thirteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Abraham G. Hardenburgh, Joseph Jansen & Abraham A. Deyo, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County being a court of record having a clerk & a seal now organised [organized] according to Law and sitting as a Court of Record Seth Conklin of the town of New Paltz & in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy one years and upwards, 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, 1832.

That during the whole of the Revolutionary War he kept his home with his mother who was a widow, in the town of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester.

That in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of New York, under the command of Captain Boyd, (his Christian name not recollected) in the regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake, and in which John Hyatt was Lieut Colonel and Elijah Drake, Major. They went on an alarm down to White Plains, that they were in actual service more than fifteen days.—

And this deponent further saith that afterwards & during the war he was twice more called out on alarms, under the same officers to the same place and was out each time about seven days.

That during the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight and for about seven months he served as a patrole under Captain Dennis Canada being called out every fourth night. That the said Dennis has been dead for several years.

That during the next season to wit in the year 1779 he again served as a patrole under Captain Daniel Hall for about the same length of time as the year previous—and serving in the same manner every fourth night. That during this summer his mother[‘s] house was burned by the enemy at the time that this deponent was out on duty as such patrole. That said Daniel Hall is also dead.

That the next season & for about the same length of time he served in the provision service on the North River under Captain John Lavinus who is also dead.

1. That he was born in the town of Cortlandt in the county of Westchester in the tenth of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.
2. The record of his age was burnt when his mother’s house was burned by the enemy as above sated.
3. That he was living in the town of Cortlandt during all the time above mentioned and continued to reside there until about twelve years since when he removed to his present residence.
4. That whenever he was called out on alarms he was regularly warned to appear by the authority of the Law, and that the times he served as patrole, he did so by virtue of what he then considered as the proper authorizes of his country under the Continental Congress.
5. That he cannot recollect that he served in company with any Continental Troops and cannot relate any particular circumstances which took place at the time he was in service.
6. Never had or received any written discharge.
7. That eh is acquainted with Peter R. Decker Esquire of the town of Esopus and David Wooley of New Paltz and would refer to them and to all his neighbors for his character for veracity and Integrity.

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.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. (Signed with his mark) Seth Conklin.

AG Hardenburgh, Abm A. Deyo, John Jansen, Judges