

Pension Application for Conrad Widrig

R.11498

State of New York

Herkimer County SS

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand light hundred and thirty two personally in open Court before Michael Hoffman first Judge and John Mahon, Augustus Beardslee & Sherman Wooster, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Conrad Wilding, of Columbia in said County aged about sixty nine 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 the seventh, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he volunteered and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as service stated to wit, under Captain Henry Starling of the New York Militia. That he entered said service where he was about fifteen years of age and within a short time after the Oriskany battle, that during his service he was in the battle at Fort Miller and was one of eleven Americans who fought in that engagement and successfully repelled an attack upon the fort by a party of Brittish [British] Indians and Tories amounting to between two and three hundred men.

That he was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians and Tories that his business was scouting, tending sentry and the general duties of the camp. That his principal station was at Fort Miller, but when he went out in Scouting parties he frequently called and sometimes stayed for a short time at the other forts along the Mohawk River to wit, Forts Stanwix, Schuyler, Dayton, House, Harkimer, [Herkimer] Willet, Windtaker [Windecker?] and Fort Plain.

That he served under Captain Starling about a year, and were then left under the command of orderly Sergeant Bangy, under whom he served for more than two years. That while he served under Sergeant Bangy he assisted in tending the ferry across the Mohawk at Fort Plain at the time when Colonel Willet and his Army crossed in pursuit of Major Rossand his party who were [out when and?] Captain Platter killed. That his principal Station during all of his service was at Fort Miller, and his business scouting, standing guard, sentry, and the general duties of the camp, but that he was frequently required in guarding and carrying baggage from the coming from our place or fort to an other and along the line of the Mohawk.

That the company that he was in was under the command of Colonel Bellinger and that he knew Colonels Willet, VanSchaick, Fan Dyke and Gansevoort who sometimes passed them and for whom they assisted in carrying baggage, and that he was regularly and honorably dismissed from the service at the expiration of about three years and a half after he entered but that he cannot state the particular time when he entered or was dismissed from the service that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the persons whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

1st When and in what year were you born? I was born in Schuyler in the County of Herkimer and state of New York in or about the year seventeen hundred and sixty three. He states the time of his birth by a calculation from his age which is about sixty eight years.

2d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have no record of my age. I had one but it got destroyed in the Revolutionary War.

3d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. I was living in the Town of Schuyler in the County of Herkimer and State of New York when I was called into the service where I lived until I removed to Columbia in said County & State where was and have lived for the last twenty years now (with the exception of one year where & lived at Sandy Creek in said State).

4th How were you called into service; where you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

After the distinction of our men at the Oriskany battle there was a general call for men to go into the army and deferred the property and inhabitants along the Mohawk River from the almost daily attack and destruction of the Indians and Tories and I volunteered and entered the service and continued to serve as long as any services were wanted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

I don't recollect the names of any other regular officers that were with us when I served them those mentioned above in my declaration we were under Colonel Bellinger & Major Weaver. I know several companies that were with us some of the time they were commanded by Captain Farnsworth of the Mohawk Rangers, Capt. Harter, Captain Getmans and Capt Lafler, my services were company services and the general circumstances were as I have related above in my declaration - I was equipped and fought with a musket & Tomahawk.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it. I never received any other discharge than a verbal dismissal.

State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Joseph Frank, of Frankfort and Jacob Widry of Schuyler. And my neighbors and have [sic] known him for a long time and are acquainted with my character and my services as a soldier of the Revolution by reputation & there is no clergyman in my neighborhood.

And 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 with his mark) Conrad Widring

Sworn to and subscribed the day and eyare aforesaid in open Court. Julius C.
Nelson, Clerk