

### Pension Application for Conrad Bevier or Bovier

W.25327 (Widow: Catharine)

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State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On this 1[?] day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid being a court of record now sitting Conrad Bevier a resident of the Town of Wawarsing in said county aged 74 ½ 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.

The he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.

That on or about the last of July 1776 he volunteered for 5 months in the company of Capt. Jacob Hasbroucks as a private in the militia or state troops in the Regiment commanded by Col. Paulding and in the Brigade of Gen. George Clinton to go to Fort Montgomery that we was marched from the Town of Rochester when he volunteered to fort Montgomery that after laying there about 1 month as he thinks they were requested by Col Paulding to march to Kingsbridge to join the army that had evacuated the City of New York – that he was there as he thinks about 1 month that from Kingsbridge he was marched to fort Washington that he lay there a few days—that a part of the British Army went up the East River and upon the commander [fold] they were ordered to White Plains—where he first saw General Washington—that while there they dug entrenchments—that the Regiment of Col. Paulding was in the said entrenchment & several others that General Scotts Brigade lay next to them. That he was driven from the same and that broke the line when they relieved further up the hill & lay again and continued the engagement—and maintained their position.

General Washington was there—that he remained at White Plains about 10 or 12 days and from there General Clinton's Brigade was marched to Peekskill and there lay in huts until late in the fall until snow fell that from there they were sent in a sloop to Fort Constitution and lay there until discharged.

That next on or about the first of August 1777 the Regiment lying in the Town of Rochester was ordered out from that place under the command of Colonel Levi Paulding and Col. Jacob Hornbeck and was in the company of Captain Schoonmaker and was marched to Stillwater in Saratoga County, that there when at that place he met his brother who was in the Artillery under the command of Major Stephens that his brother was sick and unfit for duty that he obtained the consent of his captain to take the place of his brother they the militia were about being soon to return that he was in the said artillery—command that he was in the engagement at the Battle of Stillwater that the commander was in Chief Command was General Gates that Genl Arnold and Gen Lincoln were there that Gen Arnold & Gen Lincoln were wounded in that Battle that the British under Burgoine retreated to Saratoga that he was marched to Saratoga the British on our side of the Saratoga Creek & the Americans or the others—that there were some firing and harassing but no further general battle that General Burgoine there commanded and marched to the tune of Yankee Doodle through one army—that General Stark met Burgoine and checked his retreat.

That he was out during said service for 4 months and was marched back to Albany and there discharged.

That next in the year 1778 or 1779 which this deponent can't exactly remember but thinks it was in 1778 he volunteered for 8 months in the company commanded by Captain Faulkner in the Regiment of Col. Paulding to serve on the frontier that he volunteered in Rochester he was stationed at thinks the regiment was divided—he was at [?] that the Indians broke in at that place that he was one who discovered the same and was sent out as a scout to see if they could make any discoveries—that Capt Graham was killed on that day and a few others—that from [?] they pursued the Indians until near

the Delaware river—but could not over take them again and from thence back again along the frontier—for the said services of 8 months as a private that he volunteered at Rochester and [fold]

That next in the month of March 1781 he was again a volunteer for 8 months as a private in the company commanded by Captain Percy in the Regiment of Colonel Paulding at Rochester and was marched from Rochester to a fort built of wood at Lackawana and there lay at said place under the command as aforesaid that while there he was commanded by Lieutenant Nottingham that while there the Indians made the attack upon Wawarsing in the beginning of August he was in small attachment of 12 men under Captain Percy and went to the assistance of the fort at Wawarsing that he was in 2 or 3 skirmishes – and was discharged at Wawarsing after serving the said 8 months – from Wawarsing he was in pursuit of the Indians to the Delaware River—and that the Indians recrossed the same.

That next he was out as a volunteer for several small services but has set forth enough to make 2 full years services. Which last were short services and hard to prove.

That he has no documentary proof of his services.

That he to the Interrogatories aforescribed by the War Department and put by the court he answers to the first.

1. That he was born in the Town of Rochester in the year 1758 on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April.
2. That his age is recorded in the family Bible in the possession of his son at [?] in the County of Cayuga—that it is also recorded in the church at Wawarsing.
3. That he lived in Rochester until 1782 then removed to Mamakating and there lived to 1790 and thence moved to Rochester where he now lives—the town having been divided since and he is now in Wawarsing.
4. That he was Wawarsing each of the several engagements as set forth a volunteer in the militia.
5. That he has set forth a list of regular officers he was stationed with the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services and battles and marches &c reference thereto.
6. That he never rec'd a written discharge.
7. That he has many acquaintances in the town where he resides. That he was a Justice of the Peace in said town about 20 years. That he resides 25 miles from this place where court is held & could not get the clergyman to attend court—but has and produced in court a certificate of Abm J. Smith to the Clergyman of the church of which I am a member in full communion and have been for 40 years. That Jacobus Dewitt & Wm Dewitt, Cornelius Depuy and Johannis Eckert to prove his services and good character to which also each of the court will add their certificate.

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) Conrad Bevier

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before A. D. Soper First Judge &c, A. G. Hardenburgh Judges Amb. A. Deyo

Letter in folder dated April 25, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.25327, based upon the military service of Conrad Bevier in that war.

Conrad Bevier enlisted at said Rochester, and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows: from the latter part of July 1776, five months in Captain Hasbrouck's Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment and was in the battle of White Plains; from about August 1, 1777, two months in captain Schoonmaker's Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment, after which he volunteered to take the place of his brother, Simon Bevier, who was sick, and served two months as a wagoner under Major Stephens in the artillery; he was in the battle of Stillwater; in 1778 or 1779, he served eight months in Captain Faulkner's Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment on the frontiers against the Indians; from

March 1781 eight months in Captain Pearsee's Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment and was in several skirmishes with the Indians; he served, also on other short tours, no details given.

After the Revolution, Conrad Bevier continued to reside in Rochester for a while, then moved to Mamakating and lived until 1790, then returned to Rochester and when that city was divided lived in the part called Wawarsing.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 10, 1832, while a resident of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York.

He died June 14, 1838 at said Wawarsing and was buried in the burying ground of the Reformed Dutch Church at that place. He was a Justice of the Peace for twenty years and for forty years a member of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The soldier married November 1, 1814, at Wawarsing, New York, Mrs. Catharine Hornbeck, widow of Benjamin Hornbeck. The date of her marriage to said Benjamin and the date of his death are not stated.

Soldier's widow Catharine, was allowed pension on her application executed February 5, 1835, at which time she was aged eighty-three years and resided in Wawarsing, New York.

She died November 6, 1865, place not shown.

In 1833, soldier referred to a son who resided in Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York, but did not give his name. In 1865, Edgar R. and Richard T. Bevier were residents of Wawarsing, New York; their relationship to the family was not stated.

In 1854, Cornelius B. Schoonmaker and his wife, Rachel, then residents of Rochester, New York, stated that in company with the brother of Cornelius, Stephen B. Schoonmaker and his wife, Catharine, both then deceased, they attended the wedding of Catharine Hornbeck, the sister of Cornelius and Stephen, to Conrad Bevier.

There are no further family data.