

Pension Application for Conrad Burgdoff

W.17391 (Widow: Jerusha Lane) Married at Crum Pond, Westchester County by Rev. Samuel Sackett on April 29 1779n or 1780. Conrad died in Fenner NY on May 26, 1838,
B.L.Wt.9183-160-55
State of New York
Madison County SS.

On the fifth day of February 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Madison now sitting Coonrad Burgdorff a resident of the Town of Fenner in the County of Madison aforesaid & State of New York aged seventy five years on the second day of March past, 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1776 applicant enlisted into the service for three months at a place called Crum Pond in the now town of Yorktown in the County of Westchester & State of New York in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Ezekiel Hyatt, which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Maj. Strang & Col. Samuel Drake.

We marched from Crum Pond to Pine Bridge on Croton River a distance of about six miles & remained there in the garrison & on guard during the three months & then applicant returned home at Crum Pond. We were stationed at Pine Bridge for the purpose of guarding the Bridge over Croton River.

In the month of October in the year 1776 applicant volunteered into the service at Crum Pond aforesaid under the same Capt. Hyatt & in a Regiment commanded by the same Col. Drake. Bela Hyatt was Lieut of the company & Elesha Lane ensign. We marched to White Plains a distance of about twenty miles passing through Pine Bridge. Was in the battle at White Plains & a short time after the battle returned home to Crum Pond. According to the best recollection of applicant he was in the service at this time at least five weeks.

In the winter of the years 1776 & 1777 again volunteered at Crum Pond aforesaid in the same company commanded by Capt. Hyatt & in the Regiment commanded by Col. Drake & marched to Bronx River in Westchester County a distance of about thirty six miles from Crum Pond & remained there on guard four weeks. Applicant was one of four hundred, who constituted an advanced guard & were stationed on Bronx River about one half mile from the main body of the army. While there on guard we were attacked by the British & were obliged to retreat to the main body of the American Army, which drove back the British.

In the month of June in the year 1777, the British Light Horse came up to Crum Pond aforesaid & burnt the meeting house and the Continental State House. At this time applicant turned out as a volunteer in Captain John Hyatt's company of Militia which had belonged to Col. Drake's Regiment & was under arms & on guard for six weeks.

In the fall of the year 1777, at the time the British shipping came up the North River, applicant again volunteered at Crum Pond, in Captain Ezekiel Hyatt's Company & marched from Crum Pond to Peekskill & remained there on guard five weeks until after the British returned down the River & then he returned to Crum Pond.

In the month of September in the year 1778 at Crum Pond aforesaid again volunteered into the service in a company commanded by Capt Joseph Matross, what company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Maj. John Paulding & col. Benjamin Green. We marched from Crum Pond to Tarrytown for the purpose of protecting & guarding the teams which had been pressed into the service for the purpose of carrying the crops of grain back into the country to prevent their capture by the British. After this object was effected we marched to Gallows Hill above Peekskill & were there employed in

erecting forts & throwing up entrenchments until sometime in December following. Applicant was in the service at this time under Capt. Matross at least three months.

Applicant resided at Crum Pond, which is about 45 miles from New York during the war, & he was so near the lines that he was obliged to stand as a minute man while the British lay at New York.

Whenever there was an alarm he turned out & was under arms & he verily believes that he was in actual service at least one third of the time while the British held possession of New York, but owing to old age & the loss of memory he is unable to give any farther particulars of his service than what is stated above.

He has no documentary evidence of his service & he knows of but one person, his sister Hannah Quimby, who can testify to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state & that all of his service was performed as a private.

To the first Interrogatory presented by the War department & propounded by the court "Where and what year were you born?" Applicant answers that he was born at a place called Crum Pond in Yorktown County of Westchester N. York on the second day of March 1758.

To the second Interrogatory "Have you any record of your age?" He answers that he has none.

To the third Interrogatory "Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?" He answers that he was living at Crum Pond aforesaid in Westchester County N.Y. when called in to the service & since the Revolutionary war, he has lived at Sand Lake, Jersey Ville, Herkimer County, Marcellus Onondaga Co. Sterlin[g] Cayuga County, Smithfield & Fenner in Madison County in the State of New York & that he now lives in Fenner Madison County N.Y.

To the fourth Interrogatory "How were you called into the service?" He answers that he enlisted for three months & volunteered at the other times."

To the fifth Interrogatory "State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services? He answers that the nature of the service of applicant was such that he did not serve much with the regular troops & therefore cannot state the names of any regular officers or Continental regiment. He served with Militia regiments commanded by Col. Samuel Drake & Col. Benjamin Green, John Paulding one of the persons who took Maj. Andre served in Col. Benjamin Greens regiment as Major. Applicant kept a tavern at Crum Pond at the time Maj. Andre was taken & well recollects that Andre called at the house of applicant about sun rise of the day he was captured & enquired the way to New York.

To the sixth Interrogatory "Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?" He answers that he did not.

To the seventh Interrogatory "That he names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. He answers by stating the names of Robert Stewart, William Johnson, George Stewart, Joel Downer, Jasper Aylsworth & John G. Ewan (Signed with his mark) Coonrad Burgdoff

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. A.S. Sloan Clk