

Pension Application for Peter Conca

R.2197

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer & City of Troy SS.

On this ninth day of August personally appeared in open court before the Mayor's court of the City of Troy now sitting, Peter Conca a resident of Greenbush & county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy four years, who being the 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 and served as herein stated.

That he commenced the service among the Militia [militia] under Captain George Sharp in the fall (Oct) of the year 1776 as a private soldier and marched to Fort Edward from Greenbush and thence to Fort Ann. Thence he went to build a bridge between Forts Ann and Fort Edward.

That at this time he served from four to five weeks. The officers in said company were Capt. Sharp, Lieutenants Fonda & Barringer & Ensign John Riley. Said company belonged to the Regiments of which Col. Stephen Schuyler & Lt Col. Henry K. VanRensselaer and Major Fonda were the field officers.

In the year 1777 in the early part of June he again marched under Capt. Sharp from Greenbush to Fort Edward and thence to Lake George—thence to Fort Ann where Col. VanRensselaer was wounded he continued in the service at that time about a month and was then dismissed.—

That in September of the same year he was again called out and continued in the service until after the surrender of Burgoyne and was dismissed after about six or seven weeks service.

In July of the year 1778 he was again drafted and marched under the command of Capt. Cornelius Lansing of Lansingburgh from Albany to Schoharie and continued in active duty about four weeks in the whole.

In the same year in the month of November he again went to Schoharie under the command of Capt. Tillman also of Lansingburgh and remained on active duty about three weeks.

In the year 1779 he again marched under Capt. Sharp up the Mohawk River within five miles of a place called Stone Arabia and was on duty about six weeks.

In the year 1780 he again went under Capt. Sharp to Fort Edward at two different times for which he drew one month's pay being absent from home about six weeks. Again called out under Lieutenant Fonda a short time before peace was declared and was on duty about four weeks. That the whole service or duty he performed was about seven months and a half.

1. Was born at Greenbush in the year 1757 on the 1st day of January.
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. Was living in Greenbush when called into the service has lived there ever since the war and now resides there.
4. Volunteered into the service & once was drafted.
5. He has seen Genl Gates at Bemus Height and has seen also Genl Arnold & Nixon of the regular army.
6. Has never received a written discharge.
7. Is well acquainted with Gilbert Riley of the City of Troy. David Defreese, Walter Fonda, & Col. John J. Fond[a], David Philips & John Hudely & Jacob Smith who will testify to my good character and reside in my neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Peter Conca

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk.