

Pension Application for David Conklin

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The State of Ohio Licking County SS.

On this 23rd day of December AD 1853 before me Adam Franks a Justice of the Peace of said County personally appeared David Conklin Sen'r a resident of Hartford Township in the County of Licking & State of Ohio, 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 of June 7th 1832.

That he was one hundred and three years old on the first day of June last, was born in Dutchess County State of New York June 1st 1750. Lived in Hackensack & Fishkill and that he entered the service of the United States at Poughkeepsie in said Dutchess County about the month of [?] 1777 a volunteer a common soldier in a company under the command of Captain William Levingston and served under him for one year. He also served for two years under Captain Hagaman, and for six months under Captain Todd in all three years and six months.

Declarant States that some time after he entered the service under the command of Captain Levingston he was promoted to the office of First Lieutenant of the company, and that he served in that capacity under the above named officers during the whole period of his service and was on one occasion in command of the company in a Battle against the British and Indians on west side of the North River & killed a number of British & Indians.

The Regiment in which he served was under the command of Col. Dubois and Majors Bencuter & Levingston – was well acquainted with Genl Schuyler, was married a this house after the war was over, he was the general officer in command declarant states that he was on the sick list when Burgoyne was taken but was on the Battle ground two or three days afterwards.

Declarant from his extreme age and loss of memory is unable to state the dates, at which he entered the service, or when he left nor can he state the particular in regard to his service, further than this that he served faithfully under the officers herein before named for the periods therein named and ready at all time to discharge the duties required of him.

In answer to the several questions propounded by the regulations of the department. He answers as well as he can now recollect.

1st Where and in what year were you born. Answer – I was born near Fishkill Dutchess County State of New York on the first day of June in the year 1750.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. Answer – I have no record of my age, my age together with the ages of several of my children were recorded in a German Bible which was by accident burned.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live? Ans'r – When called into service I was living near Poughkeepsie N. Y. after the war, until about the year 1819 he still resided there, when he entered the State of Ohio where he has lived up to the present time.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Answer – When called into service I entered as a volunteer of my own free will & continued to serve as such while in service.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Malitia [Militia] Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstance of your service. Answer – I have given the names of Genl Schuyler, Col Dubois, Majors Bencuter & Levingston. Captains, Levingston, Hegaman & Todde I cannot state the No of Regt & from Loss of Memory & great lapse of time.

6th Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it? Answer - I held a commission as first Lieutenant but cannot state by whom it was signed it has long since been lost or destroyed.

7th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it? Answer - I also received an honorable discharge from the service which I think was signed by Col. Dubois which has also been lost or destroyed.

Declarant 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 any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) David Conklin Sen'r.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Adam Franks. Justice of the Peace