

Pension Application for Elias Conklin

R.2206 (Widow: Charlotte) Married about the year 1779. Elias died in Broome County on February 20, 1839. Charlotte died February 4, 1844.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Broome County SS.

On this 30th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Elias Conklin a resident of Conklin in the County of Broome and State of New York aged 73 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, 1832.

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

He volunteered his services while living at Mamakating in Ulster County N. York and entered a company commanded by Capt. Tyler (called Indian Spies) in the year 1777 and served in the same for more than a year.

This company was formed of enlistments from the States of New York and Pennsylvania, they built a fort at Cochection and remained there until they were driven off by the Indians in July.

In August 1778 this company was, with a few regular troops, engaged in an attack upon a party of Indians and Tories in which one Tory was killed and three taken prisoners.

In the year 1779 he again volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. Chambers of the N. Jersey Militia at Sussex County which was raised for the purpose guarding the frontiers and giving a check to the Indians & Tories who were making inroads on the inhabitants of the back settlements he continued in their company in constant service for the term of four years and was discharged by verbal orders.

He was born in Orange County (now Rockland) New York on the 15th September 1758, and has no record of his age except a memorandum thereof taken from his father's Bible—After the Revolutionary War he lived in Sullivan County (formerly a part of Ulster County) N. York and lived there until the year 1817 when he removed to Conklin Broome County N.Y. where he now resides no surviving witness of the applicants services can now be found except his Brother John Conklin Esqr. whose affidavit is herewith exhibited.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and yea aforesaid. Elias Conklin

B. Marvin Clerk.

Letter in folder dated December 15, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.2206 it appears that Elias Conklin was born September 15, 1758 in Orange County, New York.

While a resident of Mamakating, Ulster, County, New York he enlisted in 1777 and served for more than a year in Captain Tyler's New York Company of Indian Spies; in August 1778 was engaged in an attack upon Indians and Tories.

He enlisted in 1779 and served in Captain Chambers New Jersey Company guarding the frontiers for four years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 30, 1832, while a resident of Conklin, Broome County, New York, He died February 20, 1839 in said Broome County.

Soldier married December 25, 1779, Charlotte (maiden name not stated) born October 15, 1763 and who died February 4, 1844 in Broome county, New York.

Their children were:

Eleanor born October 11, 1780, married George Keesler.

Elizabeth born December 9, 1785.

Hannah born April 29, 1787, married William of James S. Palmer

Elias born June 6, 1789.

Jacob born September 9, 1791.

John born May 8, 1795.

Samuel born August 30, 1797.

Pamela born March 15, 1801, married James I. Berkalew.

Elizabeth and John did not survive their mother, the others were all living in 1855.