

Pension Application for Jonathan Conklin

R.2204 (Widow: Agnes) Married March fifteenth, seventeen hundred and eighty one Jonathan Conklin to Annis Smith both of Upper Salem, N.Y.

At a Court of Chancery held for the State of New York at the village of Onondaga in the County of Onondaga on the twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Present: Daniel Moseley Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Be it remembered that on this twenty sixth day of September AD 1832 before Daniel Moseley Esqr, Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit of the State of New York personally appeared in open court Jonathan Conklin of the town and County of Onondaga and State of New York aged seventy two years last March who being duly sworn according to law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereafter mentioned.

That he enlisted in the town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk and State of New York in the Spring of the year 1776 and as he believes in the month of April under Joshua Rodgers by whom the company was commanded—that Ebenezer Phillips was the first Lieutenant—that the company remained at Huntington under drill for about one month—that this deponent enlisted for nine months—that from Huntington the Company to which this deponent belonged was then ordered to the City of New York to which place they marched and joined the Brigade commanded by General Scott—and the regiment was commanded by Conl Samuel Drake—Nicholas Fish was an aid to Genl Scott—that from New York they crossed over to Brooklyn where they remained until they retreated across the river to New York which was in the latter part of the month of August 1776—that they remained in the city of New York until some time in the month of September 1776 when they left the City and went to Kipps Bay and remained there until New York was taken, which was about the middle of the month of September—that from Kipps Bay they removed to Blue Bills 8 or 10 miles and remained there a short time and from thence the Brigade removed to Harlem Heights where we built Barracks—that from Harlem Heights they went to White Plains at which place this deponent was were the battle was fought there in 1776 in the latter part of the month of October—that the company to which this deponent belonged was not called into action in that battle and that from White Plains they removed to North Castle on the Hudson River and remained there sometime from which they removed across the river where the Company to which this deponent belonged was discharged having remained in service for nine months that being, the time for which they enlisted and that he thinks it was in the month of December or January that he was discharged but the particular day this deponent cannot state having no record or minute of the same and that during all said term he was in actual service and that one Lemuel Smith and John Gould were in the same company with him during said term—and that he recollects the names of no other persons who were with this deponent in said service that he has mentioned and that he enlisted as a volunteer.

That in the Spring of the year 1777 and as this deponent believes in the month of April he enlisted in the town of North Salem in the County of Westchester and State of New York—that this deponent enlisted for the term of seven or eight months and which he cannot particularly state—that Henry Slawson was Captain of the Company in which this deponent enlisted —that Noah Boughton was the first Lieutenant and Ephraim Lockwood was second Lieutenant—John Brooks was a private in said Company that we went into the lines and went to White Plains and Kings Bridge and traveled the lines during [the] whole time we were out—Thomas Thomas was the Commander of the forces in the County of Westchester—a man by the name of Crane was a Lieutenant Col. This deponent does not know his

Christian name—that the company was discharged about the latter part of October or first of November and that this deponent was in actual service during the whole of said term for which he enlisted which was seven or eight months—and this deponent recollects no other persons than he has mentioned that belonged to said company.

That in the spring of the year 1778 this deponent went into the lines upon what was called a class and this deponent went for a class—and that he went for seven or eight months and which in particular this deponent can cannot [sic] state—that the officers as this deponent believes were the same as when this deponent was out as before stated in 1777. – We went to Kings Bridge and had a skirmish—Delevan’s Light Horse came down and the British came out from the fort—and we had a few shots and the British retreated back – went to White Plains and remained on the lines until our time expired which this deponent believes was in the month of October 1778.

And this deponent further saith that during one of the two last mentioned terms he was out eight month[s] the other he was out but seven months, but from the length of time this deponent cannot discriminate between the terms.

And this deponent further saith that saith that he does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state.

And this deponent further saith that he was born in the town of Huntington in Suffolk County and State of New York on the 3d day of march 1760, he lived at Huntington until he was 16 years old—after leaving the service he went to North Salem Westchester Co., remained there until about 1778 then went to Norwalk Connecticut, staid about a year then went back to North Salem remained there until he removed to the town & County of Onondaga and Sate of New York in 1805 where he has since resided.

This deponent never received a written discharge for his services and knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services except John Brooks, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.—and that he has no record of his age—and has no documentary evidence in his possession to show the fact or the extent of his services. (Signed) Jonathan Conklin.

Subscribed & sworn this 26th day of September 1832 before me. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge
Vice Chancellor