

Pension Application for Matthew Conklin

S.23586

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me the undersigned a commissioner of the Supreme Court of the said State, authorized to perform the duties of a Justice of said court at chambers, and residing in the said County, Mathew Conklin a resident of the town of Greenburgh in said County aged sixty nine years on the twenty first day of June last who being by me duly sworn doth on his oath 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 herein stated that is to say he resided in the year 1779 in the County of Rockland now Rockland, then Orange near the western shore of the Hudson river in said state and was a volunteer private not having yet been regularly enrolled in the company of militia commanded by Captain John Blauvelt in the Regiment commanded as the deponent thinks by Colonel John VanBroeck, that on or about the middle of June of the year 1779, there were some ships of the British lying in the Hudson along the said County of Rockland, and that the British were frequently landing in barges from their said ships, in the said County of Rockland and plundering and laying waste the Country; that in order to prevent the landing of the British as aforesaid, the said company of Militia commanded by said Blauvelt was called into the service of the United States and stationed on the Western shore of the said River at a place called Nyack in the said County of Rockland. That he the deponent entered eh said service in the said Company on or about the middle of June 1779 and was stationed with said company at Nyack aforesaid and continued in the said service in said company from the said middle of June 1779 for and during and until the expiration of one month and was stationed at Nyack aforesaid at which place he was honorably discharged at the expiration of said one month's service, that the whole of the said Regiment was not in the service at the time aforesaid but he thinks the said Captain John Blauvelt had the command of the troops stationed at said Nyack at the time aforesaid.

And the deponent further saith that the ships of the enemy still continuing in said river, along the said County of Rockland, and the enemy still making urgent attempts to land in said county from their ships, he was again called into the said service in the said company under the command of said Captain John Blauvelt, on or about the first day of August 1779 and was stationed at Nyack aforesaid and continued in said service at that place for and during and until the expiration of one month from the said first day of August 1779 when he was discharged on or about the first day of September 1779 at Nyack aforesaid and the deponent further saith that he served in garrison at said Nyack during both of said terms and was in actual service during the same and did not follow any civil pursuit during said terms.

And the deponent further saith that he again entered the said service as a volunteer in the company of (the deponent thinks State troops of the State of New York) commanded by Captain Jonathan Lawrence in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Malcolm on or about the middle of March in the year of our Lord 1780 for the term of nine months, that he continued in said service in the said company and regiment for and during and until the expiration of the said term of nine months when he was honorably discharged at Fort Herkimer in the State of New York on or about the middle of December 1780.

And the deponent further saith that at the time he enlisted as last aforesaid he resided in the said County of Rockland, that he was immediately marched to a block house in said county of Rockland near the banks of the said river and near the state of New Jersey and was stationed there about a fortnight and was then marched to Haverstraw in said County and embarked with a considerable

number of troops on board two sloops and sailed for Albany and proceeded by the Way of Albany to Fort Herkimer where he was stationed about two months, and the said Regiment was divided and a part of it remained at Herkimer and a part of it under the command of said Colonel Malcolm proceeded to Fort Stanwix that the deponent was among those who were marched at Stanwix and that he continued in the service at said Fort Stanwix until near the expiration of said term of nine months when he was marched back to Fort Herkimer and there honorably discharged from said service as aforesaid. And the deponent further saith, that while stationed at Fort Herkimer as aforesaid the said fort was twice attacked by the British and hostile Indians, who were repulsed. And the deponent further saith while he was stationed at Fort Stanwix as aforesaid an attack was also made on it by the British and hostile Indians who were also repulsed which is all the battles the deponent was [and?] in during his service as a Revolutionary Soldier except some little skirmishing while he was stationed at Nyack as aforesaid during his aforesaid term of one month each.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded to him the said deponent, by me agreeably to the instructions of the war department the deponent on his oath maketh answer and saith,

1st That he was born in the Manor of Phillips, now town of Greenburgh in the said County of West Chester on the twenty first day of June 1764.

2nd That he has no record of his age but has been informed that the day of his birth is recorded on the records of the Dutch Reformed Church in Tarrytown in said County of West Chester.

3^d That at the times he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the said County of Rockland or then County of Orange now County of Rockland. That at the close of the Revolutionary War he returned to the said town of Greenburgh where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.

4th That he entered the said service as a volunteer and served as a private.

5th That at the times he was in the service, for the two terms of one month each, as herein before stated, there were no regular troops or officers with him in the service; but that during his term of nine months aforesaid he did serve with regular troops and officers but in consequence of the great length of time that has elapsed he cannot now state the names of any of the officers with whom he served other than those herein before mentioned. That he knew several but he cannot now recollect their names; that the general circumstances of his service are as herein before stated.

6th That he received a written discharge from the service at the expiration of his term of nine months and at no other time. That the said discharge has been lost or destroyed more than twenty years and he does not now recollect by whom it was signed.

7th That he has no documentary evidence of his service and the only person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service is John VanHouten whose affidavit is hereto annexed. That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, are the Reverend Thomas G. Smith and Peter Van Wurnier both of the town of Greenburgh aforesaid.

He 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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
Mathew Conklin

Sworn to and subscribed this 21st day of February 1834 before me. Edward Kennys, Sup. Court Commissioner