

Pension Application for Peter Conrad or Coenradt

W.16543 Married Elizabeth Staring. Married May 12 1783 in Kinderhook
State of New York
County of Montgomery SS.

On the nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery aforesaid, Peter Conrad aged seventy three years, having been born on the 13th day of June 1759 (as appeared by the record in his father's German Bible, and as he was told by his parents), 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 7th June 1832.

And in answer to the interrogations have administered to him by the court, to wit: That he lived in the County of Montgomery now so called, but formerly called Tryon County, in the State aforesaid ever since the revolutionary war; that he was born in Cherry Valley, in the now County of Otsego, but formerly same county of Tryon in said state & I resided there until said war—That he entered the service of the United States at the commencement of said war, in a company of militia, as volunteer, commanded by Captain Thomas Whitaker; that Major John Thompson & Colonel Samuel Campbell, were his regimental officers. And that he performed military duty under them.

That afterwards he enlisted for nine months under Captain Robert McKeen, whose son was a major. That he laid during that time at Fort Dayton, and went out on scouts & defended the frontiers. That after his time of service of 9 months was out, he returned to Cherry Valley, and entered the service again under Captain Thomas Whitaker, and did military duty in and out of the forts, and continued there in Cherry Valley until the place was destroyed by the enemy Indians & Tories. The buildings were burned off & many of the inhabitants of all ages & sexes, marched & led into captivity. After this his family moved down to what is now called Glen in the County of Montgomery aforesaid, while here, seven men were drafted out of each company to go out to guard the frontiers, & that he was one of them, and went to Fort Plank; Captain Gerrit Putman commanded the company; Colonel Clyde was there, and that several other companies were there.

From thence he went out in frequent scouting parties. The said Peter Coenrad says that he was two seasons in the fort at Cherry Valley before it was destroyed. That he has no memorandum of the times of service, for he cannot write nor read, but that he has no doubt and is certain from the best estimation he can make of all the times of his service added together, that he was in actual service more than twenty four months during said war as aforesaid.

And that the said Peter Conrad hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension roll of any agency of any state, to his knowledge.

That he has been to Cherry Valley about three weeks since to enquire for witnesses. That he could find no one on diligent enquiry, that he knew or that knew him; that he was there informed that all the old people who had resided there at the time of the revolutionary war were either dead or removed to parts unknown to the present inhabitants there, & that he can find no witness that personally knows of his services as aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Peter Coenrad.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk