

Pension Application for John Conrey

S.32188

State of Illinois

Edgar County SS.

On this seventy ninth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court being a court of record to wit. The Circuit Court in and for the said county of Edgar John Conrey a resident of the County of Edgar and State of Illinois aforesaid aged 72 years last April who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed June 7 1832.

He states that in the year 1776 in the City of New York in the State of New York, he was drafted into the State service for six months and served in Captain Edward Meeks company in Colonel Malcoms Regiment in General Scotts Brigade and in the month of June the year aforesaid retreated before the British to fort Washington and in a few days marched over Kingsbridge and from thence to the White Plains where we had a General engagement in a few days the British took Fort Washington and Fort Lee and crossed the North River into the Jersey's our Brigade was ordered up the North River to a place called Peakeskill and remained there for several weeks in which time my term of six months in said state service expired for which he does not recollect that he received a written discharge.

In the month of May 1777 he volunteered as a Ranger in Captain Benjamin Steven's Company. Right Carpenter 1st Lieutenant therein and Frederick Stevens 2nd Lieutenant and ----Waring Ensign. Served out his said term of six months service as Ranger as aforesaid in the State of New York in and about the White Plains but does not recollect to have received any written discharge during the said last six months service we had a skirmish with a company of Tory Light Horse killed one man and 3 horses the man's name was Jotham Purdy.

That in February 1778 he substituted for a person whose name to him is now forgotten, and entered into the State Service for the State of New York in Captain Richard Sackett's Company in Colonel Graham's Regiment and served his full term of twelve months as a substitute as aforesaid within the limits of the State of New York being mostly of said term in and around the White Plains.

He states that he was born in the county of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey on the 22nd day of April 1760 he has no register of his age. That he resided in the City of New York when drafted into the state service. That he resided in the State of New York about 10 miles from the White Plains at the time he volunteered into service and at the time he substituted for [blank].

He states that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That Gideon Minor and Oliver Mirror are persons known to him in his neighbourhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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) John Conrey

* States that at the close of the Revolutionary War he returned to the City of New York. In about 5 years after removed to Mason County in the State of Kentucky resided there about 12 years then moved into Clarmont County State of Ohio resided there 26 years then removed to Edgar County State of Illinois where he now resides. (Signed) John Conrey

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal (no judicial seal being yet provided this 29th day of September A.D. 1832. Jonathan Mayo, clerk of the circuit court for Edgar County, State of Illinois.

Letter in folder dated March 19, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to John Conrey, soldier of the War of the Revolution, from New York City, later lived in Kentucky and Illinois.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.32188, based upon the service of John Conrey in the Revolutionary War.

John Conrey was born April 22, 1760 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing in New York City, John Conrey served in 1776, six months as private in Captain Edward Meeks' Company, Colonel Malcolm's New York Regiment, and was in the Battle of White Plains. He enlisted sometime in May 1777, served six months in Captain Benjamin Steven's Company of Rangers, and was in a skirmish with the Tories. He enlisted sometime in February 1778, served twelve months in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment.

About five years after the Revolution, John Conrey moved from New York City, to Mason County, Kentucky, where he lived twelve years, then moved to Clermont County, Ohio, and in about twenty-six years moved to Edgar County, Illinois.

The soldier, John Conrey, was allowed pension on his application executed September 29, 1832, then living in Edgar County, Illinois. He died September 12, 1834.

The papers on file in this claim contain no data in regard to the family of John Conrey.