

## **Pension Application for Conrad Hay**

R.4791

State of New York

County of Otsego SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Oswego now sitting Coonrad Hay a resident of the Town of New Haven in the County of Oswego and State of New York aged eighty five 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.

That in the month of October (the first day of the month) in the year 1777—he entered the American Army under Genl Gates, then lying at Saratoga; as a volunteer.

That he was placed in the company under the command of Capt. Sides and in the Regiment in which major Dillman or Tillman commanded (the name of the Colonel not recollected). That the name of the Lieutenant in the company was John Hilph—that he does not remember the name of any other of the field or company officers—

That he served in said company about two months and until sometime after the surrender of Burgoyne.

That he was in the battle of Bemus head, Saratoga, a few days after he entered the army; and was present at the surrender.

That after the battle he remained with his company at Saratoga where they were stationed until about the first of December when he left the company. The company having been ordered to march for West Point.

That he was dismissed by the Capt at the time the company marched and remained at Saratoga. That eh received no discharge in writing. That he received no discharge in writing. That he cannot remember any of the Continental Regiments so he served in the Army with him (not having become much acquainted with the Army during this short period of service); nor of the Regular officers except, Genl Arnold & Wager, Dillman.

That he has no documentary evidence in relation to this period of his service.

That eh again entered the service in the month of December 1777 or the month of Jany 1778 (the precise day not recollected)—as a volunteer and served in the company of Capt John Gray in the Regiment of Col. Stark (as he things but is not positive) and under the command of Genl Stark's.

That the militia were [where] he then resided were called out for nine months service and were to furnish one man from every seven in each militia company.

That eh then resided in the Town of Saratoga in Saratoga County New York—and who hired by a class of seven as a substitute to go for them and as one of the number to be raised from the militia company of Capt Holt Dunham.

That he served in the said company of Capt. Gray during the whole of said nine months.

That he does not remember the name of any of the officers of Capt. Grays company, except one Allendorph who was either Lieutenant or Ensign. That he does not remember any of the officers of the Regiment except as above stated:

That they were stationed during most of the time at Saratoga barracks but were occasionally sent to Fort Edward, Fort George & Fort Anne, for the defense of those posts -- then in the possession of the Americans—That he was dismissed at the expiration of his term of service, which was about the first of October 1778 at Saratoga Barracks. That he does not remember having served with and Continental Regiments at this time; and does not remember the name of any Regular officers with whom he was acquainted at this time—except as above stated—

That the forts above mentioned were frequently attacked or threatened by the Indians & Tories & some British Troops and the militia called to their defense but that he was not in actual engagement during this service—that he did not receive a discharge in writing and has no documentary evidence in relation to this service.

That he again in the month of April (the precise day not recollected but believed to be about the first) in the year 1779 entered the service in the company of Capt VanVort and was stationed at Fort Edward and under the command of Col. Harry Livingston.

That he resided at the time he entered the service; at Saratoga aforesaid; that a call or draft was made on the militia to furnish a certain number of men from each militia company to serve for three months and to go to the defence of Fort Edward then under the command of Col. Livingston.

That he volunteered as one of the number from the company of Capt. VanVort and went to Fort Edward. That during the time of this service he was in the engagement or skirmish at Bloody Point, a few miles from Fort George—where a number of their party were killed.

That he was out on a number of scouting parties; that at the expiration of two months from the time of being called out (there being no further need of their assistance) they were dismissed at Fort Edward by Col. Livingston—who was (as he understood) a Continental officer) and had with him some Continental troops formerly part (as he understood) of Col. Waner's regiment.

That he remembers the name of Lieut Swit or Souter & of Ensign, Davenport in Capt. VanVoort's Company who were out during this two months service.

That he does not remember any other field officer except Col. Livingston—That he received no discharge in writing and has no documentary evidence in relation to this period of his service.

That he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service at either of said times mentioned.

That (as he has understood) he was born in the City of Hessen Cassle in the Province of Hesse Cassle in German on the fifteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

That he came to America as a soldier in the army of Genl Burgoyne, and left the Army of Burgoyne at Saratoga the day before he entered the American Service.

That he reported [supported] himself to Genl Gates through Major Dilelman (his interpreter) and immediately entered the American service. That he has no record of his age.

That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the Town of Easttown in Saratoga County and in the Town of New Haven in the County of Oswego New York.

That he is known to Lovel Ballack, Theodore Gridley and Orris Hart Esq and Daniel Hall and many others persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as 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 with his mark) Coonrad Hay

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

The said applicant being unable to write his name made his mark. D. McPherson Dep. Clk