

Pension Application for Conrad N. Kilts

S.11826

Declaration

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this eighth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Conrad N. Kilts a resident of said County of Madison aged seventy one 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he was born at Palatine Montgomery County NY in the year 1761, has no record of his age, lived at Palatine in said County of Montgomery when he entered the service of the United States and continued to live there after the war until he removed to the town of Lenox County of Madison where he now resides and has for the last thirty years he enlisted as a regular soldier during the war in the Spring of 1777 under Capt. Andrew Fink in Col. VanSchaick Regiment (1), believes it was New York State Troops, served for the space of Nine Months and then procured one Adam Coons (2) who took his place as a substitute and he was released from the service at Albany & in the spring of 1778 he was drafted for nine months in the State troops and served nine months in Capt. John Bigbread (3) in Col. Jacob Klock's Regiment stationed at Fort Herkimer & Cherry Valley and at the end of nine months was discharged verbally never had a written discharge that in the latter part of the winter of 1780 he enlisted as a volunteer into the State Service under Capt. Samuel Gray (4) in Col. Willett's Regiment commanded a company to guard the Batteaus which carried provisions for the [sic] From Schenectady to Fort Stanwicks, Schuyler & Herkimer to supply the troops stationed at those places and that he served the whole of the said term of nine months aforesaid and was again verbally discharged later in the fall of the same year. That he knows Solvenus Seeber one of the Judges now holding this Court that he is acquainted Hezekiah Buchan the under sheriff & also Herman V. Prentiss Merchant in Lenox one of the grand juror at this [term?] and with all of the [?] where I reside also can all testify of his character as being good for truth and veracity, that he has no other evidence in his name that the persons here in court whose affidavits are herewith filed & attached has no documentary evidence.

That 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 or territory. (Signed with his mark) Conrad N. Kilts (5)

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A.S. Sloan Clerk.

End Notes—S.11826—Conrad N. Kilts or Kiltz, Kils, etc.

1. Conrad enlisted as a private on March 7, 1777 for during war in Captain Andrew Finck's Company, which was the Third Company, in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment.
2. On the Muster Roll for November of 1777 under remarks it shows that Conrad was exchanged for Adam Counts (or Koontzs). During the War of Independence one could hire someone to serve in your place. This practice was still in use during the American Civil War. FROM: Captain Finck's Muster Rolls are in the Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 3, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. In April of 1778, John Breadbake was appointed Captain of a Company of Rangers for Tryon County. The Muster Rolls for the company start in July and Conrad's name is on it. Captain Breadbake was under the command of Colonel Morris Graham of Dutchess County and not Colonel Jacob Klock who was the Commander of the Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 106 (Graham's Reg't), National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Conrad enlisted on January 25, 1780 in Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateamen. Marinus Willett was the Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment in 1780 and was not in the upper part of the Mohawk Valley at this time. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, folder 78 (Bateamen, Quartermaster General's Department), National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. Although Conrad did not give service tours for 1779 and 1781, he most likely served as a private in Colonel Klock's Regiment. There was another Conrad who served in Klock's Regiment but Conrad N. is probably the one who served under Captain Henry Miller.