

Pension Application for Conradt Soop

S.11437

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the 30th day of January 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Conradt Soop of Bethlehem in the county of Albany and State of New York aged eighty 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, and served as herein stated: That I was born in the City of New York on the 11th May 1752, as I have been informed by my parents, after arriving at man's Estate, I removed to Bethlehem where I have resided ever since.—That I was enrolled as a private in a militia company whereof Albert [?] was Captain, and Gerrit G. Vandenberg was Colonel of the Regiment, at Bethlehem, and in the year 1776 I marched under Capt. Vandenderkee from Bethlehem to Saratoga where I was employed in assisting to erect barracks for the troops that were expected there, and on which tour I was employed, previous to and in returning home for the space of eight weeks it being as high as he can recollect, in the month of November before he got home—

In the year 1777 I was drafted out of Capt. Hogan's company to which I then belonged, and marched to Schenectady and ordered to be stationed there to guard that place against irruptions from the Indians who with some Tories called Butler's Rangers, had threatened to attack and destroy that town, and having remained at that place where the militia were billeted out among inhabitants, for two months, they were dismissed and returned to their homes. On this tour I was out not less than nine weeks.

In the fall of the same year I was again drafted out to Capt. Hogan's Company and marched under his command to Schoharie, and was in garrison there, (previous to his return home) in the middle fort during which part of Col. Harper's Reg't was stationed there, for a period of full ten weeks.

In the year 1778 I was ordered out with part of Col Vandenberg's Regiment and under the command of Major Laurence Schoolcraft, and marched to the upper fort in Schoharie, at which time some regular troops lay there, but on our arrival they received orders to the west, and we were ordered to remain at that place, and was continued there, some on scouting parties and others guarding the fort until late in the fall of that year, having been in service from the day of our starting on this tour until our return home, not less than twelve weeks.

In the year 1779 I was again ordered out under Capt. Hogan, and marched to the middle fort in Schoharie in company with Lieut. Flansburgh and the rest of our company, and remained in that fort, then commanded by Col. Peter Vrooman, until some time in the month of September & were then dismissed and returned home, having been in actual service at that time for three months.

In the year 1780, I was once more ordered out with the militia, and marched under the command of Captain Daniel Flansburgh, of the same regt. and marched to Cobuskill and Turloch, and some of the militia were sent on scouting parties thro' the woods, and others remained amongst the inhabitants guarding their property and cattle until all fear of further danger ceased when after having served a severe and fatiguing tour of two months I was dismissed and returned home. That I have never been discharged otherwise than by a verbal order or word of mouth, and for my said services I claim a pension.

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. [very faint, "and that he has never been taught to write his name."] (Signed with his mark) Conradt Soop

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John C. Wasson, Clk.