

Pension Application for Uzziah Conger

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State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Augustus F. Ferris Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Cayuga County Uzziah Conger a resident of the Town of Ira in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration.

1. Says that he was born in the Town of Woodbridge in the State of New Jersey and moved from there with his Father to a place called Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess New York and from there to the Town of Bethlem [Bethlehem] in the County of Albany and resided there when the Continental War broke out and of the revolution—and some time after the commencement of the war (the year he does not recollect) was drafted as a militiaman and went under the command of Captain William Winney to Saratoga, was employed a part of the time in Building Barracks at that place and served until he had permission to return home how long he is unable to say but believes it to be over two months.
2. Shortly after was called out again and went to the same place and under the same officer (Cap. W. Winney) continued then at Saratoga on duty about two months. Coll. Vandenberg commanded.
3. Volunteered some short time after returning home from Saratoga under Cap. Phillip Luke, joined the company at Albany and was under his command and marched from Albany to Fort Miller about forty miles from Albany. Cap. Luke had the command at Fort Miller. Continued there until they marched towards Albany from that place was set at Liberty on the way, and returned home. The time of service was between two and three months.
4. Went out again whether drafted or volunteered cannot say, went under Cap. Philip Luke joined the company in Albany and marched up the Hudson river above Still Water on the East Side of the river and was stationed nearly opposite the Barracks that was then on the West side of the river served at that time about between two and three months was marched to Albany and then discharged and returned home.
5. Went out again under Capt. John Van Wie marched from Albany on the West Side of the river was encamped then in the County of Saratoga continued there about two months was discharged and returned home.
6. Went out under the command of Captain James Burnside joined the company at Albany and marched about eight miles above Albany on an Island in the North or Hudson river continued there about one month then General Gates took command of the troops (it was at the time General Schuyler retreated) then marched from there to StillWater at all this time while on the Island and at StillWater had no gun the same having been taken by a band of gang of robbers which at that time was scouring the country and my officers had no arms to furnish me with— was employed a part of the time in making breast works how long that term of service was cannot recollect but believes it to be over two months—it was but a short time before Burgoyne was taken.
7. Enlisted after that time as near as he can recollect in a company of Rangers under the command of Cap. John Devoe for the purpose of serving the country to prevent the tories from committing depredations—were then in gangs about the country and served for one year it was immediately after the taking of Burgoyne, and after the expiration of my service under Captain John DeVoe went to the church Fort (and joined a company) in Schoharie was kept there for the purpose of guarding the place against the Indians and tories who were then lurking about the country was there about six weeks, returned home—a few days went back and joined the

company and continued two months and upwards. Coll. Vader had the command and during that tour of duty was sent on a scouting part in the pursuit of one John Coon a tory—took several horses—took Coons horse and several head of cattle.

8. Went out under Cap. Ephraim Hudson to Schoharie and was stationed at the Middle Fort at that time continued about two months was dismissed and returned home.
9. Went out was hired to take a tour of duty for one Andrew Bradt went to Schoharie and was stationed at the Middle Fort under the command of Ephraim Hudson Captain was there one month and then dismissed. Was as Schoharie at the time Coll. Butler went down the Susquehannah or some where in that quarter and destroyed the corn of the Indians was there when Butler went ways and when he returned.
10. Was at the upper Fort in Schoharie under Lieutenant Thomas Isma in the fall of the year continued there about two months – marched from there and went home.
11. Was out under command of Lieut. Thos. Isma when Brant and Tory Butler marched through the Town of Schoharie and burned the town saw the houses burning—

Says he cannot recollect dates and the year when he was out in the service recollects his captain whom he served under and recollects that they had the command the quarter part of the time being stationed the most part of the time as guards. He and their companies the only troops stationed at the places frequently superior officers were there but did not continue long was gone and then returned.— has lived in Bethlem since the revolution until then returned—has lived in Bethlem since the revolution until about twenty years since moved to Cayuga County and has resided there ever since & in Orange Co. & now resides in the Town of Ira.

He the said Uzziah Conger 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 any state. (Signed with his mark) Uzziah Conger

Sworn & subscribed before me this 15th day of September 1832. Augustus F. Ferris one of the Judges of Cayuga County Courts.