

Pension Application for William N. Conkling or Conklin

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[Beginning of this document is cut off] - - - day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before William Gillespie Samuel Smith Platt Pelton & Thomas Cray, Esquires.

Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Sullivan now sitting William N. Conkling a resident of the Town of Bethel in the said County of Sullivan & said State of New York aged eighty one years on the seventeenth day of January last who first being 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 & served as herein stated to wit. And first he states that he was born in the town of New Hempstead then in the County of Orange but now, as he understands, in the County of Rockland & State of New York on the seventeenth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred & fifty one & that he has a record of his age which he produces to the court, that when he was called into service he lived with his mother in Hempstead aforesaid. That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the Town of Dryden. That since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the town of Dryden on the Susquehanna River where he resided nearly twenty years afterwards resided at [?] on said river & from thence he resided to the said town of Bethel where he has resided ever since.

That the year before General Wayne took Fort Stony Point General Wayne who then resided at the house of his mother induced him with his mother's [support?] to enter into the service as the General's waiter & that there was no particular enlistment except that he was to serve as waiter as long as the General remained in the State of New York & that he continued in said service for the space of at least three months during that season when he was left at home in winter quarters.

That early the next spring he was again called upon by General Wayne & entered his service again as waiter & continued as such until Stony Point fort was taken at which time he assisted in cutting & carrying [?] but was not actually present at the attack. That he was released from service when General Wayne departed from that part of the county with the prisoners taken at the point. That the whole term he served under Genl Wayne as aforesaid was [?] more than fifteen months.

That not long after this he engaged with Captain Somers or Summers who commanded a company as he understood in the United States service, as a pilot or guide, & continued to serve under him as such from very early in the spring until fall a period of at least six months, when he received an honorable written discharge from said Captain Somers & returned home.

That some time before he served under Genl Wayne as aforesaid, he enlisted under Captain Morgan who commanded a company in the United States service as he understood & continued to serve under him for about three months when he was honorably discharged on account of a sabre wound which he received near Fort Lee when that fort was taken.

That he cannot remember the names of any of the officers under whom he served except those named & Lieut Cotgrove in Captain Somers company.

That he received written discharges from General Wayne Captain Somers & Captain Morgan all of which were destroyed during the late war with Great Britain by his wife from an apprehension that they might be injurious to this declarant if they should fall into the hands of the enemy, but that this was done without his knowledge or consent.

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.

(Signed with his mark) William N. Conkling

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Jesse M. Foster, Clerk of Sullivan Comm.

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