

Pension Application for John Conklin

W.23845 (Widow: Susannah) Married in Plattekill in Ulster County the winter of 1784 by Rev. Mr. Goetchies, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Hurley. John died in 1832. Susannah in 1848 was said to be deranged and insane.

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State of New York

County of Broome SS.

In open court. Present Hon H. Griswold, County Judge.

On this 23rd day of December AD 1858 before the County Court of Broome County held within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Jane Conklin aged sixty years a resident of the town of Barker in the County of Broome and State of New York who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the act of 7th June 1832. That she is the Administratrix of John Conklin deceased who was an orderly sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Gilbert Livingston in the regiment commanded by Colonel Gansevoort in the War of the Revolution. That the said John Conklin enlisted [in] the service in Dutchess Co. NY about the day of [blank] AD 17[blank]. That the particular place where he enlisted the service and the time he served, the place where he was discharged, the names of his other officers and the particular serve he rendered she is unable to state but refers for proof thereof to the Army Records and the proofs heretofore filed in the office of the commissioner of Pensions and upon which certificate of pension were issued to Susannah Conklin the widow of said John Conklin 29 July 1858. That there is to her knowledge no documentary evidence of his service, that he left a widow named Susannah Conklin, who is still living. That the following are the only surviving children of the said soldier viz Lawrence Conklin, Elizabeth VanKurew, David Conklin, Jane Conklin, Rachel Lewis, Catharine Austin & Susan Conklin. That he was married to the said Susannah Conklin, and that the said soldier died at Chenango Broome Co. NY on the 13 day of October AD 1831 and for proof of his death she refers to the proofs on file in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions herein before mentioned. (Signed with her mark) Jane Conklin. Witness: H. S. Griswold

Letter in folder dated February 27, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Conklin of Ulster County, New York, whose widow, Susannah, received a pension.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension W.23845, based upon service of John Conklin in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of John Conklin were not stated.

While residing on "Wappins Creek" in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, John Conklin enlisted, when about sixteen years old, early in the Revolution, served at various times as private in captains Bell's, John Blauvelt's, and Gardner's companies; he served in 1779, three month sin Captain VanBenschoten's company, Colonel Hopkins' New York regiment, served in 1780, about six months in Captain Jonathan Lawrence's company, Colonel John Harper's Regiment, served in 1781, nine months in Captain Gilbert Livingston's company, Colonel Albert Pawling's regiment; he continued to serve until the close of the war, was in many skirmishes with Indians and Tories, and did much duty along the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers scouting and ranging against the Indians.

John Conklin moved from Poughkeepsie, soon after the close of the Revolution, to Plattekill, Ulster County, New York.

John Conklin married in the year 1784, in Plattekill, New York, Susannah Conklin, his "own cousin". They were married at the home of her father, Jacob Conklin, name of her mother not given, nor was it shown when and where the said Susannah Conklin was born.

John Conklin and his wife, Susannah, moved about 1802, to Chenango, Broome County, New York. John Conklin died there at the home of his son, Jacob Conklin, October 13, 1831, aged seventy-two years and twenty-three days, or October 14, 1832, aged seventy-two years and twenty-four days; both of these statements are shown in the claim.

The widow, Susannah Conklin, was allowed pension on an application executed April 26, 1848, at which time she was living in Chenango, New York, with her son, Jacob Conklin. She was living in 1858 in Chenango, New York, with her son, Lawrence Conklin. The widow was allowed, also, one hundred sixty acres of bounty land, on an application executed April 26, 1859, then aged about ninety-one years, and living in Chenango, New York, with her daughter, Susan Conklin.

The following data in regard to the children of John Conklin, and wife, Susannah, are shown.—

Jacob born July 7, 1785

Annatie born March 7, 1788

Elizabeth born March 26, 1790

Lea born December 10, 1791

David born February 3, 1795

Hester born January 31, 1797

Jinney (Jane) born November 10, 1798

Rachel born August 27, 1800

Lawrence -----

Reference was made in 1858 to the following surviving children—

Lawrence Conklin, Elizabeth VanKuren, David Conklin, Jane Conklin, Rachel Lewis, Catharine Austin, and Susan Conklin.

Jacob Conklin, son of John Conklin, and wife, Susannah, moved from New York to Michigan, in the fall of 1855, and died there in 1857.

Reference was made in 1858 to grandchildren of John Conklin and wife, Susannah, but no names were designated.

Hester Vanaker, sister of the soldier, John Conklin, was eighty-two years old in 1857, then living in Kingston, Ulster County, New York; she was the youngest daughter of Lawrence and Hannah Conklin.

Catharine Terwilliger, sister of the widow, Susannah Conklin, was eighty-three years old in 1848; then living in Preble, Cortland County, New York; she was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, and was present at the marriage of John Conklin, and Susannah Conklin. John and Isaac Conklin were also present at the marriage, their relationship to the family not shown.

The Captain Gilbert Livingston under whom John Conklin served in 1781, was his "full cousin", and was also a cousin of Susannah Conklin.

In 1848, Andrew Terwilliger was seventy-three years old, and living in Chenango, New York, and Herman Terwilliger and in 1848 was seventy years old, then living in Chenango County, New York. He stated that Captain Gilbert Livingston was his "relative", and that he was well acquainted with both the soldier, John Conklin, and wife, Susannah. It was not stated that Andrew Terwilliger was related to the family, nor degree of relationship of Herman Terwilliger was not shown.

In 1857 William E. Conklin gave his address Chenango Forks, Broome County, New York. In 1858 Thomas H. Terwilliger was of Broome County, New York. In 1859 James Conklin was living in Broome County, New York. Their relationship to the family was not stated.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.