

Pension Application for John D. Conklin

S.12708

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Genesee now sitting John D. Conklin a resident of the Town of Attica in the County of Genesee and State of New York aged seventy six years October 30th 1833 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in June or July 1776 at Clinton, Dutchess County, New York where I then lived I volunteered as a Corporal in Captain Joseph Hageman's Company in Colonel Frairs [Freer's] Regiment of New York Militia for 8 days and there joined said company and marched to Poughkeepsie and there joined said Regiment. That I served in said Company and Regiment at Poughkeepsie in guarding the ship yard in garrison as a Corporal eight days and was then discharged but received no written discharge. Buley Adjutant—no other Regiments there—no battles. I was discharged in June or July 1776.

That in September 1777 I volunteered as a Corporal for the term of a half month in said Captain Hageman's Company Colonel Frairs Regiment at Clinton aforesaid and there joined the company and marched to Peekskill and there joined said Regiment. That I served in said Company and Regiment there a half a month as a Corporal in the field at the expiration of which I was discharged but no written discharge the Saturday before Fort Montgomery was taken by the British – a number of Regiments stationed there & saw General Putman there—no battles—I served in said company and Regiment a half month under the said officers—I was discharged October 1777.

That in October I volunteered in 1777 the next day after Fort Montgomery was taken as a Corporal in the said Captain Hegermans Company Colonel Friars Regiment for the term of one month at Clinton aforesaid and joined said company and Regiment at Poughkeepsie and served as a Corporal in said company and Regiment for the term of one month in the field as follows—we were stationed at Poughkeepsie a fortnight and then and there Captain Hagerman resigned and left the army and Captain Isaac Conklin took the command of said company—no other regiment stationed at Poughkeepsie but a large company of Silver Gray's stationed there under the command of Judge Zephaniah Platt—

The said Regiment and I with them marched to Hyde Park 8 miles above Poughkeepsie on the East side of the Hudson River and there I served the remainder of the month in the field under Captain Conklin in said Regiment—The Colonel did not go up to Hyde Park—I served a month the time of my service and was discharged at Hyde Park but received no written discharge—When I was at Poughkeepsie Burgoine was taken—During said month I knew Lieutenant Barton in Capta. Conklin's company—No other troops stationed at Hyde Park—Daniel Smith was quarter master and I went with him over from Hyde Park to Poughkeepsie after provisions.—No battles. I served as a corporal I was discharged November 1777.

That in the month of June or July 1778 at Clinton aforesaid I volunteered as Orderly Sergeant for the term of one month and a half in Captain Lemuel Conklin's Company in said Colonel Frairs Regiment and I joined said company and Regiment at Fishkill and was stationed there a short time and then marched to the Highlands and we were stationed there nearly the remainder of said tour when a large number of continental troops were stationed and at both places I with said regiment served in the field and before my said term of a month and a half expired I with said Regiment marched back to Fishkill and after being stationed there a short time my said term expired and I was discharged after having served in the field a month and a half as orderly sergeant in said Company and Regiment at Fishkill and the

Highlands as aforesaid—I was in no battles—I knew General Swarthout who commanded all the Militia—I served just one month and a half as aforesaid and was discharged at Fishkill but received no written discharge in August 1778.

In the forepart of October 1779 I enlisted as orderly sergeant at Clinton aforesaid for the term of three months in Captain Lemuel Conklins Company, Colonel Grahams Regiment of new York Militia and joined the Company and Regiment aforesaid at Fishkill and was stationed there about 3 weeks under said officers in the field and there one Buley was adjutant of said Regiment—after three weeks I was detached from said company and attached to a Company of detached Militia under Captain Nile and marched to Verplanks Point which company contained about 100 men and I was orderly sergeant of said detached Company of Militia—we were stationed at Verplanks Point above two months and there were only about 100 soldiers at Verplanks point which was said detached Company and while at Verplanks point we were employed a great portion of the time in chopping wood for the army.—We marched back to Fishkill and I was there discharged January 1780 but received no written discharge. I served as aforesaid three months the term of my enlistment in the field as aforesaid at Fishkill and Verplanks Point as an orderly Sergeant—I was in not battles.

In February 1780 I volunteered at Clinton aforesaid as orderly sergeant for the term of eight days and took the command at Clinton of about 12 privates which was called a sergeants guard and we marched to Poughkeepsie by order of Captain Lemuel Conklin to guard Governor Clinton I commanded said guard 8 days at Poughkeepsie no other troops there to guard said Governor I saw the Governor while I was there and when we served 8 days we returned home to Clinton.—no battles—Aaron Norman was one of my Guard who I suppose is dead and have been so informed we were quartered in houses we were discharged in February 1780.

In June 1780 at Clinton aforesaid then came an alarm and I volunteered with the whole of Colonel Frairs Regiment to go to Fishkill we marched to Fishkill & lay there 7 days and Colonel Graham's Regiment was there—after we were stationed there 7 days we were all discharged but received no written discharge—I served the said 7 days in Captain Lemuel Conklins company, Colonel Friars Regiment as orderly sergeant & was discharged June 1780—we were quartered in houses and I suppose served in Garrison.

I have stated all the particulars of my service.

That I served as a Corporal in the Revolutionary War as above stated for the term of one month and twenty three days and as orderly sergeant for the full term of five months with an embodied Copsr called in to service by Competent authority and in all for the full term of and not less than six months and twenty three days for such service I claim a pension and during all which said several terms of service I was not employed in any civil pursuit.

I was born at Clinton aforesaid in October 1757.

I have a record of my age in my Bible.

That when I was called into service at each of the above times & lived in Clinton aforesaid.

That since the Revolutionary War I have lived in Clinton aforesaid—also Kinderhook Columbia County New York—Scodack Rensselaer County New York—DuanesBury now Schenectady County New York—Lysander Onondaga County New York—Victor Ontario County New York—Attica Genesee County New York and I now live at Attica aforesaid.

That I never received a written discharge from the service of the army in the Revolutionary War.

That the names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are Joel Barber a clergyman of the Town of Batavia in the said County of Genesee with whom I have long been acquainted and who is my nearest clergy with whom I am acquainted and Moulton Burnham of the Town of Attica in said County—I am acquainted with no clergyman in Attica aforesaid as I have not lived there a year.

That I have stated the names of all the officers and the circumstances of my service as truly as I can remember the same.

And also I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my revolutionary services of any part thereof, that all the witnesses are dead as I have been informed and it is not in my power to procure any .

That I have sent to Clinton aforesaid for witnesses but can hear of none and I have inquired myself and have got others to inquire of the Revolutionary soldiers in this part of the country but can find none.

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) John D. Conklin

Sworn to and Subscribed this 4 day of February 1834 before me. Isaac Watson, first Judge of Genesee County.

Letter in folder dated June 12, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12708, it appears that John D. Conklin was born October 30, 1757, at Clinton, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of that place he enlisted in June or July, 1776, and served at various times until sometime in June, 1780, amounting to about seven months in all, as a corporal and orderly sergeant with the New York troops under Captains Joseph Hegeman, Isaac Conklin, Lemuel Conklin, and Viele and Colonel Freer, Bustwick, or Bostwick, and Graham.

After the Revolution he lived in Clinton, Kinderhook, Schodack, Duanesburg, Lysander, Victor and Attica, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 4, 1834, at which time he was living in Attica, New York.

In 1835 he was living in Half Moon, Saratoga County, New York.

In 1839 he was living in Rochester, Monroe County, New York.

There are no data relative to his family.