

Pension Application for William Conroe

W.6732 (Widow, Ruth Ann, at Livingston, New York.)

B.L.Wt.950-160-55

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 29th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Justice Court in the City of Hudson now sitting William Conroe aged seventy-seven 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Middletown in the State of New Jersey on the 16th Apl 1756, moved into New York when about fourteen years of age lived in New York some years cannot say how long from New York removed to Dutchess County in the State of New York, and while living in the Town of Little Nine Partners in said County is was drafted in the month of January 1779 the first of the month I cannot no [sic] recollect the name of a single officer under whom I serv'd the three months we were marched to Poughkeepsie and remained there on duty until the expiration of the three months which was the first of April 1779 when I was verbally discharged, and I immediately enlisted while at Poughkeepsie (which was twenty miles from my home) for the term of nine months under the command of Capt. Henry K. Paulding, cannot recollect the names of the Lieutenant or Ensign the Majors name was –Andries Hermance, the Colonel was Harry Livingston we marched from Poughkeepsie to Fishkill & encamped about a week from thence I think went to Fort Montgomery from thence to West Point from thence a part of the Regiment was ordered to Kingston Ulster County of which I was one from Kingston. I was march'd to Marbletown west of Kingston and from thence to Albany NY where we joined the rest of the Regiment and were march'd to Fort Edward from thence back to Stillwater where or near there I with the rest of the Regiment was discharg'd on the first January 1780 I had a written discharge signed by Colonel Jno Mckinstry who had had the command of us for some time and with whom I came home in company at Fishkill there were a number of Regiments but I cannot name any of them and also at West Point neither can I name the name of any officer as I was almost continually on the march & if I did know any my memory is so impaired a severe fit of sickness under which I have labored and am still partially laboring that I cannot name them. My discharge has long been lost.

I am at present and have been for the last thirty years a resident of the Town of Livingston in the County of Columbia & State of New York previous thereto I lived in Dutchess County.

I have no documentary evidence and no living witness except Jacob Spaumburgh whose affidavit is hereunto annex'd the record of my age is in my family Bible.

I served one year as a private for which I claim a pension. I would refer the department to the following persons in my neighborhood for character as to truth & veracity. Doc't John McClellan, Sturgeon Sloan, John VanDusen, Robt VanDusen.

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 any agency of any state & he further states that he cannot get the testimony of a Clergy man in as much as the Clergy man in the Town of Livingston is a Young man lately settled & knows nothing about his Revolutionary Service with positive or traditionary as he the applicant believes.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned. J.D. Parker Clk. (Signed with his mark) William Conroe. J. McCue, one of the Judges.

Letter in folder dated June 8, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of William, Darling and Isaac Conrow, of Dutchess or Columbia County, New York.

There are no claims for pension or bounty land on file based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of a Darling or Isaac Conrow or similar spelling. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office.

It is suggested that as a possible means of obtaining information in regard to the military service of those soldiers, you apply to the Adjutant General, War Department, this city, who is custodian of military records.

The record of William Conroe has been found and his history is furnished herein, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.6732, based upon his military service in that war.

William Conroe was born April 16, 1756, in Middletown, New Jersey. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at Little Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, William Conroe enlisted January 1, 1779, and served three months as a private in the New York Troops, names of officers as a private in Captain Henry Paulding's Company, Colonel Henry Livingston's New York Regiment.

Pension was allowed on his application executed May 27, 1833, while residing in Livingston, Columbia County, New York, where he had resided for thirty years.

He died at said Livingston, October 5, 1833.

William Conroe married about 1799, exact date not shown, Ruth or Ruth Ann, maiden name not stated. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Ruth, was allowed pension on her application executed February 14, 1853, at which time she was aged seventy-two years and lived in Hudson, New York.

She died at said Hudson, January 16, 1856.

Children are referred to, only name given is John W. Conroe, who, in 1856, was residing in Columbia County, New York.