

Pension Application for Conrad Countryman

W.16920

State of New York

Jefferson County

On this 15th day of February 1839, personally appeared before the Hon. Calvin McKnight first Judge of Jefferson County Court, Margaret Countryman a resident of the town of Orleans in the County of Jefferson aged seventy-eight years last June, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of Conrad Countryman who was a soldier of the United States and served in the Revolutionary War in the Company of Capt James Gray (1) [Samuel] from 1 May to 1 December 1779 a period of seven months and in the year 1780 under the same capt as like period of seven months which services are particulary set forth in the affidavit of William Feeter. The said Countryman was also in the Battle of Dorlack (2), the Battle at Johns-town & when Butler was killed.

He was also in a Battle at Fort Stanwix (3) & Oriskany Creek & was also out on several occasions; but the length of time in each she cannot say. She further declares that she was married to the said Conrad Countryman on the thirteenth day of April seventeen hundred and eighty at the church called the castle in which was then Manheim in the County of Montgomery.

That her name before marriage was Margaret Becker. That her husband the aforesaid Conrad Countryman died on the 31st day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and that she has since remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

(her mark) Margaret Countryman

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.
C. McKnight first Judge of the Jeff. County Court.

I certify that the above named Margaret Countryman cannot attend court by reason of age and bodily infirmity

M. Knight First Judge of Jeff. County Court.

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Jefferson County SS Marks Countryman being duly sworn says that his father Conrad countryman died on the 31st day of March 1817 and that he left a widow whose name is Margaret Countryman that she has not been married since the death of her husband the aforesaid Conrad Countryman but still remains his widow.

(his mark) Marks Countryman

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of February 1839 before me, C. McKnight first Judge of Jeff. County Court.

With these I certify that Conrad Cunterman, son of Marcus Cunterman, was born in lawfull wedlock on the 18 of July A.D. 1749 and was baptized on

the 22 of same month and year. Said Conrad Cunterman was lawfully married to Margaretha Becker, Daughter of John Adam Becker born in Germany in the month of June 1760 on the 30 of April in the year of our Lord, 1780. All which will appear by the church record of the Reformed Dutch Church at the Castle, County of Montgomery and State of New York. Given under my hand and private seal at the Castle, County and State aforesaid this 29 of April A.D. 1801. D. Chr. A. Pick, V.D. Minister of the church above mentioned & the German Reformed Church at the Osquako.

Letter in pension folder dated June 10, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 16920, it appears that Conrad Countryman (son of Marcus Cunterman) was born July 18, 1749, place not stated.

He served in the New York Troops as follows: (4)

From April 1779 to December 1, 1779 under Captain Samuel Gray in the Batteau Service; and from April 1780, seven months under Captain Samuel Gray in the same service. He was also drafted once or twice, and served as a sergeant, dates and officers not stated. He was in the battles of Fort Stanwix, Oriskany, Dorlach, Johnstown, and West Canada Creek.

Soldier married April 30, 1780, Margaretha or Margaret (daughter of John Adam Becker) born June 1760 in Germany, she is also referred to as Catherine Margrate Baker.

Soldier died March 31, 1817, and she was allowed pension on her application executed February 15, 1839, while a resident of Orleans, Jefferson County, New York.

Son, Marks, (5) lived in Jefferson County New York in 1839. There is no other data on file as to children.

End Notes—W.16920—Conrad Countryman

1. Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateaman of the Quartermaster General's Department. In 1779, Conrad is listed as serving from April 8 to December 16, 1779, for a total of 283 days. He is also listed as serving in 1780 but no dates or length of time is given. The muster and pay rolls are incomplete or torn. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The Battle of New Dorlach was fought on July 10, 1781, the Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781, and the skirmish at West Canada Creek where Captain Walter Butler was killed was fought on October 30, 1781.
3. The Siege of Fort Schuyler or Fort Stanwix was from August 3 to August 22, 1777. The Tryon County Militia Brigade under Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer was marching to the relief of the garrison at Fort Schuyler when they were ambushed at Oriskany on August 6, 1777. The

militia never made it to the fort and after losing over 400 men killed, wounded or captured eventually retreated back to Fort Dayton (Herkimer).

4. Conrad served probably under Captain Robert Crouse in Colonel Ebenezer Cox's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia at the Battle of Oriskany. Captain Crouse was killed at Oriskany and so far a muster roll has not been found for his company. Upon Captain Crouse's death his First Lieutenant Francis Utt took command of the company and later he was appointed captain of the company. On Captain Utt's Muster Roll for May to December of 1778, Conrad is listed as serving 2 months and 2 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 84, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Sometime in the later part of 1778, Captain Utt removed from the Canajoharie District and by February of 1779, First Lieutenant Adam Leipe was appointed Captain of the Company. According to Captain Leipe's muster roll for February of 1779 Conrad served 7 days as a private and 7 days as a corporal. On Captain Leipe's Pay Roll for 15 June 1779 to the fifth Day of July in the year 1780 Conrad had served 86 days as corporal and was to receive £ 8. . 4. . 10. On Captain Leipe's Pay Roll for 6 of July 1780 till the 20 of July 1782, Conrad had served 43 days as sergeant and was due £5. . 14. . 8. On Captain Leipe's Receipt Roll dated September 28, 1784, Conrad signed as thus: Cunrad X (his mark) Countryman Sgt. Certificate no 11376 was paid £ 5. . 14. . 8 FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Conrad may have served in 1778 in Captain Nicholas Veeder's Company of Carpenters. There were two Conrads from Canajoharie in this company. As the enlistment is listed for January 31 and one for February 1st it could also be the same man but there were two Conrad Countryman's as the other one served in Captains Jacob Dieffendorf's Company and in Jost House's Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Captain Veeder's Muster Roll is in Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 181, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. Conrad's will dated March 24, 1817, and probated April 17, 1817, Legatees Catharina Margareta; sons, Marcus, Adam, and Peter, daughters, Catherine, Margretta, and Elizabeth. Executors: Adam Conterman, Wilhelmus Shall, and John Ellwood; Witnesses John Rise, Tennis Relyea and John Ellwood. FROM: Abstracts of Wills, Montgomery County, N.Y. compiled by Mrs. Edith Becker, The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 57, p 165, 1926.