

Pension Application for Conrad Cramer

R.2434

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this 6th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting Conrad Cramer a resident of the Town of Alexandria in said County aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He volunteered his services as a minute man at Canajoharrie [sic], County of Montgomery and State of New York on the first of April 1780, and that during this continuance of the service of the United States, he was for the whole time under command of Lieutenant Jacob Snyder except while he was a prisoner in Canada. That he actually served under the said Snyder from the said first of April to the first of August of that year (1780) when he was taken a prisoner by the Torries and Indians near Fort Blank a temporary fortification erected about four miles from Canajoharrie where he had been stationed from the time he entered the service and that he was carried a prisoner of war to Niagara Upper Canada and there detained until the peace of 1783—

That the circumstances attending his capture were as follows, That whilst he and several other soldiers were on an excursion at a short distance from the fort they were unexpectedly surprised by a party of Torries and Indians and taken prisoner.

That several inhabitants in the vicinity of the fort were taken by the Indians at the same time to the number of 40 or 50—

That during the number were his Father and Sister who were killed by the Indians. That during the above period of four months which he served at Fort Blank he was a duty daily and held himself in readiness for actual service.

That this deponent is not able to say, at this late time who his now commissioned officers were that there was no officer superior in command to Lieutenant Snyder and that there was very little organization a discipline among them at that time—and thinks there was from 80 to 100 men under the command of Lieutenant Snyder at that time.

The route of the prisoners to Niagara was by law over the Oneida Lake General Rivet &c. And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence whatever to support his claim and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services except Mars. Margaret Hogadone who was taken prisoner at the same time and who was near him during the whole of his imprisonment and whole affidavit is hereunto annexed.

That there is no clergyman residing near this deponent by whom he can prove that he is reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution, but that the following persons residing in his present neighborhood can testify as to his character for

veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution viz: Allen Cole, Leonard Boyer, George Sitts, Solomon Bayer and Peter Winn.

That this deponent was born at Canajoharrie Montgomery Co. New York in the year 1763 but has no record of his age.

That he was living at a place (then) called Fort Blank in the town of Canajoharrie aforesaid when he entered the service and that he never received a written discharge from the service from any one.

And the deponent further saith that after his return to the United States after the war he resided for several years at Fort Blank from whence he moved to Ford's Bush 10 miles below the Little Falls on the Mohawk where he resided for the space of 10 years to Steuben Oneida Co. where he lived four years and then to Orleans Jefferson County where he has lived ever since until his late removal to Alexandria in the same county where he now continues to reside.

And 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) Conrad Cramer

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk