

Pension Application for Conrad Overhiser

R.7836

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On the 15th day of October in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at the Court House In Bath in & for said County Coonrad Overhiser of the town of Wheeler in said County and State aged 78 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.

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That In the month of May 1779 he was drafted as a militia man at Dutchess Precinct in Dutchess County In the State of New York in a company commanded by Captain Israel Veal and Lieut John Smith the ensign name not recollected & marched to Fishkill & from Fishkill to West Point & staid at that place until he was discharged when he returned to Oswago in Dutchess County at which place he resided when he entered the service.

That at this time he performed one months service and that while at Fishkill the company were waiting for orders & did not perform any duty he does not recollect that his company was attached to any regiment nor does he recollect the names of any officers at the Fort except Genl Arnold—that no written discharge was given him.

On the 1st May 1780 he was again drafted at Rhinebeck in same county as a militia man and attached to Captain or Lieut VanBenscolten's company & marched to VerPlanks Point & was thus engaged in standing guard & chopping wood for the army which was carried down the river & in boating on the river from Verplanks Point to West Point and was discharged at the last mentioned place & returned home to Rhinebeck aforesaid after having performed 3 months service—he was discharged sometime in August of the same year but no written discharge was given him—he does not recollect any other company or field officers than those above stated.

In the month of September 1782 he was again drafted as a militia man for 3 months at Rhinebeck aforesaid in Captain Joseph Reynolds Company but was attached to Captain Israel Veals Company & marched to Fishkill aforesaid where he was engaged during the full of that year in getting supplies for the army chopping wood & getting out timber which was taken to West Point he staid at or near Fishkill until some time in December of that year when he was honorably discharged & returned home to Rhinebeck no written discharge was given he recollects the names of the following officers who served in the vicinity of Fishkill viz Captain Lawson also Major Birdsall and Colonel Vanderburgh and Colonel Humphrey.

That owing to bodily infirmity his advanced age & consequent loss of memory he cannot give further particulars of his service that he has no documentary testimony

and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Abraham Overhiser whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

1. He was born in the town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess In the state of New York in the year 1754.
2. He has a record of his age in his bible at home in the town of Wheeler aforesaid.
3. He has answered this interrogatory as to his residence when called into service. Since the Revolution he has resided at Dutchess Dutchess [sic] County New York at Greenbush in said state at Mendon in said state—at Otego I;nt he County of Otsego in said State—at Wheeler in Steuben County.
4. He was called into service as before stated.
5. He states the names Epahares Thompson Junior and Oliver Abel of said torn of Wheeler who can testify to his character and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution & to whom he is known.

He has given the names of all the officers he can recollect.)

He never received a written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Conod Overhiser.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Wm. H. Bull, Clerk of Steuben Com. Pleas

Letter in folder dated August 5, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.7836 it appears that Conrad Overhiser was born in 1754 in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York.

He applied for pension October 15, 1833 while living in Wheeler, Steuben County, New York and Stated that while a resident of Oswego, Dutchess County, New York he was drafted on May 1, 1780 while living in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York he served three months in Captain VanBenschoten's Company engaged in Chopping wood for the army, and that again, in September 1782 he served three months in Captains Joseph Reynolds and Israel Veal's Companies on the same duty.

His claim was not allowed as during his service he was employed as a wood-cutter and failed to prove that he was detailed from the ranks for that purpose. He died July 13, 1840.

Soldier married in 1778, Mary whose maiden name is not given. She died April 13, 1840.

They had a son John C. aged seventy years and a resident of Wheeler, New York in 1852.