Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Conrad Pudding (Puding) W5590 Elizabeth f35VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/4/12

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York County [Pennsylvania]: SS

Personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County aforesaid Conrad Pudding aged about sixty four years & forty five years a citizen of Pennsylvania & on his solemn oath taken according to law saith that he enlisted in the month of October at Winchester in Virginia about three years before the close of the Revolutionary War in Captain Sharp's Company in Armand's Legion [also designated at various times: Armand's Partizan Corps, 1st Partizan Corps commanded by Colonel Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] & served until about the 15 day of November 1783 & was duly & honorably discharged at York aforesaid by Brigadier General Armand: That this Deponent served between 2 & 3 years & that he lost his discharge, like most of his comrades of that period very few having been sufficiently careful of them, to preserve them through the scenes [?] of poverty & what they have experienced. This deponent is very poor & in need of support from his Country & further sayeth not This Deponent.

Sworn & subscribed this first day of April 1818 before me S/ Geo. Barnitz S/ Conrad Pudding, X his mark

Pennsylvania York County: SS

On this 3rd day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court Conrad Pudding aged 66 years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath – declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: viz.. In Armand's Legion in Captain Sheriff's Company from the spring of the year 1781 until the fall of the year 1783 when the Army was disbanded, that the date of his original application for pension was April first 1818 and that the Number of his pension Certificate is 3957 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.: None of any kind whatsoever i.e. no property of any kind. I have no occupation but that of a basket maker which I am unable to follow in consequence of being disordered and bodily health. I have no Children or friends who are in a situation to afford me any assistance.

Sworn to and declared, on the 3rd day of August 1820 before

[f p. 10: On August 25, 1836, in York County Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Pudding, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Conrad Pudding a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that that she married him April 1, 1783 while he was a soldier in actual service; that he died at York about the 30th of April 1828 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: John Glessner gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran and Elizabeth Seachrist were married April 1, 1783 when the affiant was a soldier with Conrad Pudding in the Army of the United States.



Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Leonard Baumgardner¹ a United States pensioner & Credible witness who being by me duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with Conrad Pudding a Soldier of General Armand's Legion in the Revolutionary War and that deponent served with the same Company with him and well knows he was and Enlisted Soldier for and during the war and said Corps and served until the end and was discharged at York on the same day with this deponent in the fall of the year 1783 and that this same Conrad Pudding while a soldier in said Corps on or about the month of April 1783 several months previous to the close of the war while in Actual Service of the United States obtained liberty of the Captain to be joined in marriage with Elizabeth Sechrist of York & was married – in the month of April aforesaid as he the said Conrad Puding informed this deponent about the time they were married by Parson Rouse and that they immediately after the time of marriage lived together as man and wife and acknowledge themselves to be man and wife from the day they were married until the day he died several years sense at York Pennsylvania and that this said Conrad Puding was a United States pensioner and also received the bounty Land to which he was entitled from the United States and that his wife Elizabeth Puding still remains his widow and has never married since his death to his knowledge. She is very old & infirm & has lost the sight of one of her eyes and in indigent Circumstances in life.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at York December 8, 1836 S/ Leonard Baumgardner, X his mark

[f p. 15: Dr. John Rouse over York County Pennsylvania gave testimony that he is the son of Parson Rouse a clergyman of the Lutheran Church at York in Pennsylvania; that he has some of his father's records among which is the record of the marriage of Conrad Puding to Elizabeth Sechrist April 15, 1783. Attested December 3, 1834.]

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¹ Leonard Baumgartner (Baumgartel) BLWt1305-100

[Facts in file: Nancy Schultz, the sister of Elizabeth Sechrist Pudding was living in 1836; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April one, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4, 1831.]