

Daniel Conrad Sr. (1740-1812) P-137656
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One of thousands of patriots that fought for the cause of freedom in the Revolutionary War, few records remain of Daniel Conrad, Sr. He was born in Donegal Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania around 1740. His parents were immigrants from the Kingdom of Saxony in modern day Germany. Their names have been lost to history.

Around 1758 Daniel married Barbara and they had at least one son. His name was Daniel, Jr. and he was born in August of 1774 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Daniel Jr. married Elizabeth Shank - daughter of George and Maria Shank, Jr.

Daniel Conrad, Sr. appears in the muster rolls of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania as a Private, 8th Class on 20 April 1778. His unit is shown as Captain Thomas Robinson's Company. Daniel also appears alongside Private George Shank, Jr. in the 1782 and 1784 musters of Captain Robinson's Company. This George Shank, Jr. is the same who fathered Elizabeth Shank - the wife of Daniel Conrad, Jr.

A Daniel Conrad is listed as having signed the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania on 21 May 1778. It is not proven that this is the same Daniel Conrad. But, if he is, this is the oath that he swore:

We, the subscribers, do swear (or affirm) that we renounce and refuse all allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a free and independent State, and that we will not at any time do, or cause to be done, any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or injurious to the freedom and independence thereof, as declared by Congress, and also that we will discover and make known to some one justice of the peace of the said State, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which we now know or hereafter shall know to be formed against this or any of the United States of America.

Daniel continued life as a farmer after the war. He lived in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and died near there on 12 May 1812. He is buried in Lancaster County but the location of his grave is unknown.

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