

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Connor VAS1842

Catharine Connor

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To the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Catharine Connor widow & relic of John Connor deceased respectfully sheweth.

That early in the War with Great Britain her deceased Husband, John Connor, entered into the service of the United States under the command of Col. Williams Davis. That he said John Connor continued in the service of the United States under the command of Sundry other officers, as Sergeant, subsequent to Col. Davis's declining his Command until the close of the War; when in the Battle of Camden [Battle of Camden August 15-16, 1780, or Battle of Hobkirk Hill known as the 2nd Battle of Camden, April 25, 1781] he received a Wound in his left arm which rendered it useless, in consequence of which, he was examined by a Position; and deemed unfit for service. He was accordingly put on the Pension List, with the Annual Allowance of Sergeant's half pay.

That some small time after the capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], he was appointed Door-keeper to the Executive Council, in which appointment he continued at £100 per annum, until his decease; and never after the first year made application for his Pension. That immediately after his decease, it was the good pleasure of the Executive, to curtail the Annual Allowance to fifty Pounds, and continued his Widow, your Petitioner, in the Appointment, on which she depended as a maintenance for herself and one helpless Infant; which after paying the hire and maintaining a man to assist her in officiating in that office, left your Petitioner less per annum than the Pension of her deceased husband. That she is bereft of even this little support, by the late appointment of the said hired man, Matthew Pate, by the Executive.

Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Hon. Body will please to take her, and destitute Infant's situation into consideration, and placed her on the Pension list, or do whatever in your lenity generosity and Wisdom you may deem just and right.

And your Petitioner will ever Pray Catharine Connor

Richmond, November 7th, 1791

Catherine Conner's Petition [sic]

12 November 1791

Referred to Claims

Rejected