

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Conway VAS3121
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To the Gov. of Va

Since the filing of the Claim of Capt Robt. Conway as Capt. Navy, the enclosed deposition of Mrs Mary Mason has been rec'd, by which it appears that Robt. Conway left the navy & entered into the Land Service. This information led me to an examination of the records in the auditors office where I found the original of the enclosed certificate by which it appears that he was a Leiut in the Cont'l line & rec'd certificates for two years advance pay in Feby 7th 1782. By the act of assembly certificates of two years advance pay were given to those only who had already served three years. This certificate is therefore deemed conclusive evidence that he had served three years before the 7th Feby 1782. The heirs therefore being satisfied that he left the navy (without resigning [see endnote]) in 1776 and that he was a Leiut. in the land service from that time to the end of the War pray an allowance of land bounty for his services as Leiut. from — day of — 1776 to the end of the War. V Ellis for the heirs

City of Baltimore Md

I Mary Ann Mason do hereby certify that I am now in my sixty eighth year. for the last thirty years I have lived in the town of Alexandria, D.C. I was born in the County of Northumberland State of Virginia & lived there until I mooved to the town of Alexandria. that I am now on a visit to my daughter in this City.

I knew Captain Robert Conway well. I lived in his immediate neighborhood & visited his family frequently & lived for some time with his family. he lived in the county of Northumberland Virginia; he entered early in the war as a Captain in the Virginia state navy on board of one of the galleys I think she was called no 1. a difference took place between Captain Conway & one of the Officers, they fought a duel; Captain Conway afterwards left the navy & immediately entered the land service. he served but a short time in the navy. I can not say exactly how long. I can not say how long he was in the land service. given under my hand September the 14th 1833 Mary Ann herXmark Mason

To the Governor & Council of Virginia

I beg leave, for the heirs of Capt Robert Conway to bring to the notice of the Executive their claim for land bounty on account of the services of the said Capt Robert Conway in the Virginia state navy during the revolutionary war, enclosed is an affidavit of John H Fallin Esq[?] [S10642] shewing that Capt. Conway was a captain in the Navy. The heirs are unable to shew how long Capt Conway served, they rely upon the records & papers of the navy which they understand has been the hands of Mr Smith for examination & report thereon. respectfuy submitted by H H Harvey/ January 6th 1833
NB If any evidence of the character of Capt Fallin is necessary it can be procured in Richmond J.H.H.

Northumberland County Virginia

I John H Fallen aged Eighty years do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with Robert Conway of this County - he was a Captain in the Virginia state Navy I cannot say how long he served being engaged in a different service myself given under my hand Dec'r 28th 1833 Jno. H. Fallin Sen'r

Dr. Officers of the Continental Army Cert's for two yrs advance pr Act of Assembly C're
1782
Feb'y 7 Lieut Robert Conway }

2 Certificates } £114.0.0
Extract from Ledger A page 35.
Jas E Heath aud'r P[ublic] Accts
Aud Off. Feb 18 1834

Petition for bounty land.

The H'rs of Ro. Conway Capt. Cont'l

The facts in this case are – Robert Conway was Captain in the navy [undeciphered word] 18th 1776. The testimony is, that he had a difference with an officer & fought a duel with him. That he soon after left the navy & immediately entered the land service. The auditors certificate, & the other evidence, prove a service of 3 years. There is no proof of his resignation before he entered the land service. He was Lieut in the land service & should receive bounty in that character.

If you Excellency should allow the bounty I think it should be given only for a service of 3 years. The evidence does not prove a title to bounty land for a longer time of service
To his Excellency Jno. Floyd Resp'ly submitted/ John H Smith Com;r &c/ March 20th 1834

NOTE: According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, Robert Conway was Captain of the galley *Protector* beginning in 1776. In the pension application of John Thomas R100 Conway stated that he resigned in November 1776 and was replaced by Thomas. In 1781 a Robert Conway was captain of the privateer *Hope*.