

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Conway R13351

VA

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H. R. 242./ (Rep. No. 276.)/ MARCH 8, 1842.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WILLIAM O. GOODE, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, reported the following bill:

A BILL/ To authorized the payment of the seven year's half pay due on account of the services of James Conway, deceased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, pay the full amount of seven years' half pay of a lieutenant of infantry in the army of the Revolution, to such person or persons as may be entitled to the same, under the resolution of Congress of the twenty-fourth of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, on account of the services of James Conway, late a lieutenant in the army of the Revolution, and who died in that service.

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

I do hereby Certify that I resided in the County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia during the War of the Revolution except the time of my service as a soldier & Ensign in the said War I was well acquainted with James Conway and well remember that he was a Lieutenant in the Continental army from the said County of Pittsylvania that he entered the service of the Revolution in the year 1776 in a company which was commanded by my own brother Thomas Hutchings, the company was commanded by Captain Thomas Hutchings, Lieut. James Conway, and Ensign Harden Perkins, were stationed at Peytonsburg in the said county of Pittsylvania in March 1776, and marched from that place to Williamsburg where they were stationed for some time, my Brother became sick, I went to see him at that place, and know that the said James Conway was then commanding the said company as a Lieut in the Regiment which was commanded by Colo. [Mordecai] Buckner, the company as I afterwards understood marched to the North and the said James Conway died in the service, he never returned to the county of Pittsylvania Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1834

Moses Hutchings [S8742]

State of Virginia

Pittsylvania County to wit

This day Robert Furguson [Robert Ferguson W7262], a Revolutionary Soldier and a credible witness personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that He was well acquainted with James Conway who was an officer in the army of the Revolution and held the Rank of Lieutenant and was engaged in enlisting soldiers in the Continental Service, and marched from the County of Pittsylvania to Gwinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, probably July 1776] and never returned, and have always heard that he died in the service. That He the said Furguson was well acquainted with Polly Conway the Lawful wife widow of the said James Conway and that she had four children by him the said James Conway namely James, Elizabeth, Lucy & Christopher and have understood that James & Elizabeth is dead leaving no Heir and that Lucy who married Benjamin Harris and Christopher is now living and that the said Christopher Conway who have signed a Power of Attorney made to Thomas Williams of the day & date is the same Idintical Christopher Conway Son of James Conway decd and further saith not. Given under my hand & seal the 17<sup>th</sup> day of april 1834.

J. M. Williams Jr

To his Excellency ~~Littleton W Tazewell~~ David Campbell Governor of Virginia [31 Mar 1837 - 31 Mar 1840] The undersigned Heir of James Conway formerly of Pittsylvania County State of Virginia, Respectfully represents that said James Conway was appointed a Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Hutchings Company of the Virginia Continental line and marched from Peytonsburg in said County of Pittsylvania in the year 1776 to Williamsburg Virginia and served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment under Colo. Buckner, and died in the Service in the year 1777 or 8 that he left a Widow Polley Conway and Four Children two of which died and left no children, that his Widow is dead. The undersigned who resides in the County of Pittsylvania and Lucy Harris formerly Lucy Conway of said Pittsylvania but now a Widow residing in the State of Tennessee are the children and only Heirs at law of said James Conway Dec'd, that application was made about 2 years since for Bounty land and sundry Depositions and references filed in the Executive Department, that Bounty Land has not yet been Granted that your petitioner verily believes that himself & sister is justly entitled to said Bounty land for the services of said Lieut James Conway Dec'd and pray a reconsideration of their case and grant the allowance of Bounty land agreeable to usage and the laws of the Commonwealth, in the opinion of the Executive the same is allowable  
Christopher Conway

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) filed under the name of the agent, Joseph Segar. More may be found with Dohickey Arundel VAS2967.]

State of Virginia Pittsylvania County to wit

This day Silvany Gardner of this County Personally appeared before me [blank space] a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made Oath in due form of law that in the time of the Revolutionary War he was well acquainted with James Conway that he lived at that time a close neighbour to him and well remembers that he entered the Regular Service in the year 1776 as a Lieut he left the County as Such and never Returned he was informed that he died in the service. he left a Wife and Children how many I do not recollect. I am Well acquainted with his son Christopher Conway who now lives in this County – and believes that the general understanding in the neighbourhood where the said James Conway lived when he entered the Service was that he died or was killed in the Service of the Revolution. and I do Certify that the said Silvany Gardner is a man of Truth and that his statement is entitled to Credit and full Confidence Given under my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> October 1834  
Stokley Turner JP

State of Virginia } SS  
Pittsylvania County }

This day personally appeared before me Stockley Turner a justice of the peace in and for the County of Pittsylvania, George Dodson of the said County, and made Oath that he was in the early part of his youth, well acquainted with James Conway that the said Conway marched from the County of Pittsylvania into the Army of the revolution as a lieutenant, that the said Conway never returned to his family, and common report was that he died in service of his Country; & I certify that George Dodson who hath taken the above Oath before me is a creditable man Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834  
Sto. Turner J peace