

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Wright Conner R2222

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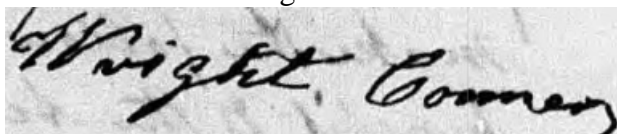
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State of North Carolina Bertie County: On this 12th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in & for the said County Wright Conner a resident of said County aged 81 years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 under Captain Withington & First Lieutenant Abner Perry in the town of Clinton in Hertford County State of North Carolina; That in November 1778 he marched to South Carolina under the above named officers in South Carolina & Georgia he served under Captain Abner Perry. – That he was ~~fifteen~~ & served a part of his time in regular service under Colonel Lamb. That he was in the battle of Briar Creek in March 1779 and continued in service until after the defeat of General Gates I was in this engagement and returned home about two or three months after. I was from home twelve months in this service. In January 1781 I again enlisted under Captain Abner Perry. And marched to join General Eaton and under General Eaton we marched to Guilford & was in that action & continued with General Greene and marched to South Carolina under command of General Sumner and was in the battle of Eutaw Springs in September 1781. He was from home in this service more than twelve months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State. He further declares that he had his discharge signed by the recruiting officer Captain Withington & also by Captain Abner Perry & ~~that~~ he has lost it.

S/ Wright Conner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wright Conner". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Andrew Craig, a clergyman, and Abner J. Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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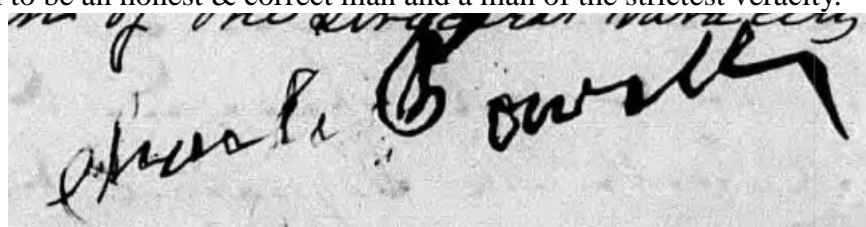
State of North Carolina Northampton County: The affidavit of Nicholas Tyner of said County aged 93 years taken to prove the Services of the Wright Conner of the County of Bertie in this State in the war of the Revolution. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law Testifies

& says that he is well acquainted with Wright Conner & can testify to the foregoing service rendered by him in the War of the Revolution; Wright Conner enlisted in Winton in 1778 and marched to South Carolina as a fifer in the same company with Captain Perry he was at the battle of Briar Creek in March 1779 and remained in service until after the defeat of General Gates he was from home to my certain knowledge more than 12 months in this service he was in the action, at General Gates defeat. In January 1781 he again went into service with Captain Abner Perry and marched to Guilford Court House and remained in service & marched to South Carolina with General Greene he was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs & was from home to my certain knowledge & in service more than 12 months. I lived not far from Mr. Conner and have perfect knowledge of his service & no also that we were together very often while in service he was in the regular service a part of the time under command of Colonel Lamb. I also can testify to the standing of Mr. Conner I know him to be poor but as honest as any man & I know that he served as stated & longer to for we were together in service that time.

S/ Nicholas Tyner,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

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State of North Carolina Hertford County: The affidavit of Charles Powell<sup>2</sup> now a pensioner of the United States taken to prove the services of Wright Conner (of Bertie County) in the war of the Revolution. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies & says that he is well acquainted with Wright Conner and can testify to the following services which he rendered in the war of the Revolution. The first service in which I knew Wright Conner was in the fall of 1778 he enlisted in the town of Winton and this State, he was a fifer and in the same fall marched to South Carolina & remained from home 12 months he was at the Battle of Briar Creek in 1779, at Gates defeat – 1780. He again enlisted under Captain Abner Perry and January 1781 and marched to Guilford under General Eaton & remained with General Greene and marched to South Carolina under command of General Sumner he was from home in this service more than 12 months. I served part of the time with Wright Conner & know that he was a fifer & served as stated. I know on one occasion he was taken sick and was absent from duty 20 days & then joined his Company again continued until his time was up. I am well acquainted with Mr. Conner & I know him to be an honest & correct man and a man of the strictest veracity.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Charles Powell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. Above the main signature, there is some faint, partially legible text that appears to be "one of the original witnesses".

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State of North Carolina Hertford County: The affidavit of Henry Best<sup>3</sup> taken to prove the services of Wright Conner who served under Captain Abner Perry & was a fifer and the war of the Revolution. This affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says That he is well acquainted with Wright Conner and can testify to the following service which he rendered in the Revolution. The first service in which I knew Wright Conner was when he enlisted in

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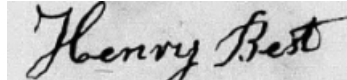
<sup>1</sup> [Nicholas Tyner S7773](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Charles Powel \(Powell\) S7323](#)

<sup>3</sup> I could not find a veteran by this name who was pensioned for service in the revolution by the federal government.

Winton, Hertford County North Carolina in the fall of 1778 in November 1778 he marched to South Carolina and was in the Battle of Briar Creek in March 1779 Wright Conner was from home 12 months in this service. He again enlisted under Captain Abner Perry in January 1781 and marched to Guilford & to South Carolina under General Greene and was from home twelve months. This affiant only testifies & says what has been repeatedly told to him by Wright Conner & a great many others who served with him. I served a three months tour with him myself & left him in service. I am well acquainted with Wright Conner & have been all my life & know him to be an honest, correct & up right man & I am sure he served as he states, for he is a strict member of the church and a man of strict veracity.

S/ Henry Best<sup>4</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Best". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

[fn p. 52: On October 31, 1851 in Hertford County North Carolina, Ziney Conner gave testimony that she married Wright Conner sometime in the year 1823 she thinks it was February 27th of that year; that her husband during his lifetime filed for a pension under the act of June seventh, 1832; that her husband died December nine, 1850 being very poor and leaving no estate to be administered; that she herself is 70 years old.]

[fn p. 55: On October 31, 1851 in Hertford County North Carolina, Abner J Perry testified in support of the claim by the widow adding that the veteran and a former wife [not named] had the following children: William, Jesse, John, Lewis, Laviny (since intermarried with Jesse Harrell, Junior), Betsey (since intermarried with Jesse Harrell Senior). He also testified that the veteran had another child names Sally Conner, all alive.]

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<sup>4</sup> The justice of the peace who attested this man's testimony states that Henry Best is 81 years old.