

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Conn (Coren) R2316

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N.C. Conn, Benjamin R2316  
or Coren

No papers found. Everything searched

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War Dept. Pension Office Jan. 3, 1822

Hon. R. Allen<sup>1</sup> Ho Reps.

Sir:

It appears by a certificate of the Secretary of the State of North Carolina that Benjamin Conn of Smith County Tennessee, an applicant for a pension, deserted on the 2nd of April 1783. His claim therefore was rejected. Agreeably to the regulations of the Department his papers will remain on file in this office. – I am etc. J. L. E. [James L. Edwards,<sup>2</sup> the then pensions clerk in the War Dept., later appointed Commissioner of Pensions]

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<sup>1</sup> ALLEN, Robert, a Representative from Tennessee; born in Augusta County, Va., June 19, 1778; attended the rural schools and William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.; studied law and practiced; moved to Carthage, Tenn., in 1804 and engaged in the mercantile business; clerk of Smith County many years; during the War of 1812 served as colonel and commanded a regiment of Tennessee Volunteers under Gen. Andrew Jackson; elected as a Republican to the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Congresses, as a Jackson Republican to the Eighteenth Congress, and as a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth Congress (March 4, 1819-March 3, 1827); chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Nineteenth Congress); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1826; engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Carthage, Tenn.; delegate to the State convention in 1834; died in Carthage, Tenn., August 19, 1844; interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Lebanon, Tenn.

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<sup>2</sup> James L. Edwards was born in Petersburg, Virginia to Lewis and Mary (Danforth) Edwards on May 25, 1786. He served with the U. S. Marines during the War of 1812 and was awarded a medal for bravery. In 1816, he began working as a clerk in the War Department. He eventually became the principal pensions clerk, where he was responsible for many of the pensions granted to veterans of the Revolutionary War. When the Pension Office was created in 1833, Edwards became the first Commissioner of Pensions. He held this post until retiring on November 27, 1850. Edwards died on September 21, 1867 in Washington, D.C.

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Benjamin Coren or Conn

Rejected

Not on file

Sept. 24—1877

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