

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Conn S15384

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State of Kentucky, Jefferson County

On this 27th day of March, 1834, personally appeared before me, Trammel Conn, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, and one of the Judges of the County Court of Jefferson County, Samuel Conn, aged 74 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed the 7th June, 1832.

This declarant [declarant] states he was residing in Lowden [Loudoun] County, State of Virginia, when he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that sometime in the year of 1777. That he joined Captain Thomas Lewises [Thomas Lewis'] Company of Volunteers and that in the month of September in the year 1777, Captain Lewis' company was called into service for the purpose of protecting the Country along the shores of the Potomac, when he states that he did under the command of said Lewis rendezvous at Leesburg, said County of Loudoun, and marched into the service for a tour of three months. He states that he marched from said place of rendezvous to Alexandria where he states they stayed for a short time; thence, he states, they were marched down the Potomac River in order to deter the British from landing and plundering the Country as they were in the habit of landing and taking off the Negroes whenever they were permitted to land, he states that during his three months that he was constantly and actively employed in guarding said Country until December when he was verbally discharged by his said Captain Lewis. He further states that he again volunteered under Captain Richard Spur [or Speer or Spurr] and in the month of June he states that Captain Spur's Company of Volunteers was called into service and rendezvoused at Leesburg in the said County of Loudoun, where he states that in Captain Speer's Company was marched from said place of rendezvous to Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock River where he states they remained for some time, thence they were marched to Bowling Green thence he states they were marched to Richmond where he states that they were stationed for some time. After leaving Richmond, he states, they were marched to Petersburg and after remaining there for some time they were marched across the Rappahannock River, thence they were marched to Gloucester Point where he states they were stationed until the surrender of Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781] and after the surrender of Cornwallis he states that he did guard part of the prisoners that were surrendered by Cornwallis from said town of York up as high as Leesburg, thence he states that he guarded said prisoners from Leesburg to Nolan's Ferry. He states that the militia from mareland [Maryland] took charge of said prisoners, and his tour of six months being expired, he states that he was discharged in

writing by his said Captain Spur. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove said service. He states that being very old and infirm that he is unable to appear in open Court to make his declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State or territory.

S/ Samuel Conn, X his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 27 day of March, 1834

S/ Trammell Conn, J.P.J.C.

Answers to the questions put by the magistrate:

I was born in Fairfax County in the year 1760 and I have a record of my age as left in my father's Bible and when I went into the service I was living in Loudoun County State of Virginia and stayed there until the year 1796. I then moved to Jefferson County State of Kentucky where I have lived ever since. I volunteered once for three months and once for six months and on the first tour there were no regular officers where I served, neither were there any Continental or Militia regiments and only the one company commanded by Captain Lewis. On my second tour there were General Washington, General Wayne, and General Lafayette of the regular officers, and there was General Weadon's [George Weedon's] regiment of Militia. On my first tour, I was verbally discharged by Captain Lewis. On my second tour, I was discharged by Capt. Richard Spurr at Nolan's Ferry [Noland's ferry] on the Potomac River. My discharge I have lost many years since and I will State the name of William Procter and Mungo Herndon who can testify to my character veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

We, William Procter and Mungo Herndon, residing in the neighborhood of Samuel Conn, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, say that we are well acquainted with him and believe him to be 74 years of age. He is reputed and believed in his neighborhood to be a man of veracity and a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in the opinion of his neighborhood.

S/ William Procter

S/ Mungo Herndon

Sworn to and subscribed this 27 day of March 1834

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]