

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Y. Conn S15784

MD VA

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Commonwealth of Virginia } Ss

Washington County }

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared before the justices of the Court of Washington county now sitting in open Court William Y Conn a resident of the said county of Washington aged seventy eight years, who being first 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 June 7 1832.

That said William Y Conn states that in the early part of his life he was called generally William Conn & signed his name in that way and that it is probably, that his name will be found on the rolls of the flying Camp of Maryland William Conn – Of this however he is not certain. In after years he uniformly wrote his name William Y. Conn. He further states that he was born & raised to manhood on the land where Washington City now stands and some where not far from where the Presidents house is erected, – his father being the owner of a tract of land including that site.

In the year 1776 he engaged under Capt. Burgess in Georgetown for a six moths tour of service in the Flying Camp of Maryland and in the Regiment commanded by Colo Griffin [sic: Charles Greenberry Griffith]. They marched by Snowdens Iron works to Anapolis – there took water up the bay to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] – thence through Philadelphia to New York. here the company were stationed and the said William Y Conn having escaped being captured was verbally discharged after serving six months the time for which he engaged. While in service he was in the Regiment of Col Griffin and in the Brigade commanded by Gen'l Bell [sic: Reazin Beall]. The said William Y. Conn further states that he also served five weeks on another occasion the date of which he cannot recollect – but he can detail such circumstances as will make the statement satisfactory. His commanding officer was Capt. White. Three weeks of the above time he served at Georgetown and was detailed for fatigue service in throwing up breastworks. Two weeks of the time he served at Alexandria – and whilst on service there he volunteered as a pilot to the American vessels and steered the foremost Schooner up the Eastern Branch of Scotts landing for safety from Dunmores Squadron [May or June 1776]. He performed other services but cannot now recollect the length of time, his memory being weakened and impaired by old age and a frail constitution. He however says that in the tours above stated he faithfully served his country seven months and one week and was honorably discharged & that he does not know of any living witnesses by whom he could prove said service, nor any clergyman who knows any thing about said service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and decla[res] that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] William Y Conn

Land Office, Annapolis, Jany 9<sup>th</sup> 1834

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the muster rolls of Captain Edward Burgess's Company, remaining in this Office, that the name of William Young Conn appears upon said roll, to have been enrolled on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1776, to serve in the "Flying Camp."

George G. Brewer

Reg'r. L[an]d. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: The file contains a letter from David Campbell of Abingdon VA dated 29 Nov 1833 addressed to "Dear Brother," Maj. John Campbell, Treasurer of the United States, stating that "our old friend Capt. Conn" had become "childish."