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Pension Application of Philomen Conner S17364

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State of Indiana } Ss.

Fayette County }

On this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the honorable Edward Webb & William Miller associate Judges of the circuit court of the said county of Fayette now sitting Philomen Conner aged sixty nine years, a resident of the township of Harrison in the said county of Fayette and state of Indiana, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That he some time in the month of September in the year 1779 in Orange county virginia where he then resided, entered into a company of drafted militia commanded by Captain Robert Miller belonging to a regiment commanded by Col. Francis Taylor. He entered this company as a substitute for his father John Conner who had been drafted for two months, or what was in those days termed a militia tour. That he was marched with his regiment to the Barracks in Albemarle county Virginia and was employed in guarding the prisoners which were captured with Gen'l. Burgoyne [at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781]. He served out this tour & in the latter end of the month of November of the same year he in the county of Orange again entered a company of drafted militia commanded by a captain called Roebuck (as well as he can recollect) as a substitute for one John Proctor for the like term of 2 months was again marched to the same Barracks and was employed as before in guarding prisoners, was commanded by the same Colonel – Served out his tour of duty & returned home.

That afterwards in the said county of Orange some time in the month of August in the year 1780 he was drafted for 2 months and as a draft he entered into a company commanded by Captain William Buckner, the name of the colonel commanding the regiment he does not now recollect was marched to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] and there stationed, from thence they were marched to Petersburg Va. and their term having expired they were dismissed & returned home where he remained until some time in the month of February 1781 when he again entered a company of drafts commanded by Capt. Robert Miller for 2 months as a substitute for one John Arnold, he does not remember the name of the Colonel commanding the regiment but recollects that he was attached to General Weedens [sic: George Weedon's] brigade, and was marched to Fredericksburgh [Fredericksburg] in Virginia and there stationed to protect that place as an attack upon it by the British was expected about that time – he served out his tour was discharged and returned home some time in april 1781. That again in Orange county some time in the month of June 1781 he entered a company of drafted militia commanded by Captain James Hawkins for two months as a substitute for his father John Conner, was marched to Richmond Va. and there joined the 3<sup>d</sup> Va. regiment of militia commanded by Col. Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] in Genl. Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade. Gen'l. La Fayette [Lafayette] commander in chief. From Richmond was marched with his regiment to Williamsburg where we remained one day and returned to the army at Richmond. From thence we retired before Cornwallis through the upper country into Culpepper [sic: Culpeper], Albemarle and Orange and in the latter county General [Anthony] Wayne joined us with his command [10 Jun], after which we returned into the neighborhood of Williamsburg and was stationed within 6 miles of old James Town & while stationed there his term expired as the substitute of his father, when he learned that he had been drafted at home for a two months tour, and the

new drafts from Orange immediately came on and in organizing them it was found that there were too many of them for one company & not enough to compose two, he with some others were attached to a company commanded by Capt. Jamison [David Jameson] of Caroline County in the same regiment & brigade to which he belonged when last discharged. During this last tour of service his regiment was employed in reconnoitering the country about Williamsburg and Jamestown, which last term he served out and returned home

For none of the foregoing tours of duty (which amount in all to one year) did he receive any written discharge to the best of his recollection & if he did receive any such he has lost them. He has no documentary evidence of his services. That he can prove his services positively by no person to his knowledge. His step-mother Lucy Con- [sic: Lucy Conner] of Boone county Kentucky (but now on a visit here) knows of his having served in the revolutionary war but cannot state the particulars nor the duration of his service That he expected to be able to have her present in court, but she being at this time unwell & very aged is unable to attend. My brother John Conner has some knowledge of my services, & I know of no other persons by whom I can prove my services

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the agency of any state

[signed] P Conner

The court now here propound the following interrogatories to the said applicant and the answers by him made are under oath and are as follow towit:

question 1 Where, and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Orange County in the State of Virginia on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1763

Quest. 2<sup>d</sup> Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none. My father kept a record of his children's ages in the family bible. The bible is I believe lost or destroyed. I have often seen the record of my age, it is as above stated

Quest. 3<sup>d</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. At all the times of my entering into service I lived with my father in Orange County Virginia. About 3 or 4 weeks after my last tour I went with my father into Washington County Va. where we remained one year, from thence to what is now called Lincoln county Kentucky where I lived about three years. I then lived in the counties of Mercer, Fayette & Scott in Kentucky for about 10 years during which time I served a campaign against the Indians under Col. [Benjamin] Logan. In 1795 I settled in Boone County Kentucky where I lived until 1829 when I removed to Fayette county Indiana where I now reside.

Question 4 How were you called into service. Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. My first entry into service was under Capt. Miller as a substitute for my father, my second was under Capt. Roebuck as a substitute for John Proctor, my third as a draft under Capt. Buckner, my fourth under Capt. Miller was as a substitute for John Arnold my fifth was as a substitute for my father under Capt. Hawkins and my sixth was as a draft under Cap. Jamison, each of which tours was for 2 months & all of which I served out.

Question 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served – Such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service?

Ans. During the time of my service we were but seldom employed with any regular troops, during my fifth tour of duty I remember Genls. La Fayette and Wayne, Col. Matthews wore the regular uniform but whether he was a regular officer or not at any time during my service I am unable to say. While at Richmond Williamsburg and Jamestown there were some times regular troops with us but I do not remember the number of the regiments or the names of

- the Colonels. I remember the first second and fourth regiments of Va. militia besides my own which was the third. Except when guarding prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks as before stated the troops to which I belonged were generally employed in guarding various points in Virginia viz Cabin Point, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Williamsburg and Jamestown and the country about those places during the latter part of my service our regiment was employed in reconnoiteing the country about Williamsburg and James-town.
- question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it.
- Ans. I have no recollection that any discharges were given me, if any were they are long since lost
- Ques 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution?
- Ans. I name the Reverend James Newhouse, Edward Webb Esqr. a member of this court, William Webb and Col. Stanhope Royster, who have known me for a long time I also name my brother John Conner whose certificate is attached. I intend to obtain the deposition of my Stepmother to forward with this declaration

NOTES:

John Conner stated that he was born in 1774 and remembered his brother going into service in the latter part of the war. He also stated that "my father gave my brother a young horse as a compensation for services in the war rendered by him as a substitute for my father." Lucy Conner's certificate was dated 17 Sep 1832.

The pension certificate notes that Conner died on 10 Aug 1835.