

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Conn S17890  
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South Carolina, Chester District: In the Court of Ordinary

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally came and appeared in open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of Ordinary for said District and State now sitting, John Conn (aged Seventy seven years) who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath take the following Declaration and says that he was born in the year 1758 in Pennsylvania but cannot now recollect the County, as he left that State when he was but a small boy not more than 10 years old, his parents died when he was an infant, and he was brought from that State to North Carolina, Rockingham County by his Uncle George Sadler, and continued in that County 10 or 12 years, and then entered the service of the United States at about 22 years of age I think it was in 1780 when I entered the service. I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Flack a three months tour to the Cherokee Nation, under the command of Colonel Martin, and at the expiration of this term of time I was sent home; and continued there a short time and then volunteered for a five months tour under Captain \_\_ commanded by Colonel Martin I was then marched from North Carolina through South Carolina to Briar Creek in Georgia, I was then discharged and sent home, and did not stay long till I was called on again, when I volunteered again for a 12 months tour, under a Captain Brevard [Alexander Brevard], I do not now recollect who was the Colonel I made my way to Salisbury (by private conveyance) where I entered the service of the United States under the above named Captain and then was marched I believe to Camden on my way to Charleston, I think at this place they told me was at head quarters, I was then transferred from Captain Brevard to Captain Egleston from Meriland [sic, Maryland] who was attached to the Maryland line, this Army was commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene], I was in the battle which was fought at the Eutaw Springs which was about Harvest time, after this engagement we were all marched to the high Hills of Santee and was stationed there two or three months, the Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina line were all there at that time, and in the fall of that year all was marched towards Charleston by way of Dorchester, and was moved from place to place as necessities required, and crossed at Bacon's Bridge and was stationed in that neighborhood the balance of that winter and then was discharged at which time I received a written discharge I believe from Captain Egleston, but have lost it, and then I returned home to Rockingham County North Carolina, and in a few months after I arrived home peace was made. I continued to reside in this County about 12 years after this, and then I removed to South Carolina Chester District, where I have resided ever since. I never saw any record of my age and know of none. I have resided in Chester District near 40 years and refer to Robert Meek, Andrew Agee, Isaac Brown & Moses Grissum for my good character and standing in society and my veracity. And I refer to William Mooney & J. Stewart as to my services in the Revolutionary war from report and general

belief. And that he has no written evidence of his services and that he knows of no person except said William Mooney & J. Stewart whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. And he hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to in open court before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832.

S/ Peter Wylie, J.C.C.C.D.

S/ John Conn, X his mark

[James Wright, a clergyman, and Robert Meek gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

An: I was born in Pennsylvania and was born in the year 1758.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

An: I have no record of my age, I have never seen one if there ever was one I know not where it is.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

An: I was living in Rockingham County North Carolina, and a little time before the close of the war returned to that place and continued there about 12 years after the war, and then removed to South Carolina in Chester District where I have lived ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

An: I volunteered my services in those days in that state the citizens were all classed and one out of each Clay ass was compelled to go if no one would volunteer. I always volunteered.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

An: Captain Thomas Flack was the Captain I first enrolled under the Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Martin I do not now recollect the General. I next four or five months tour enrolled myself under \_\_ and after that I enrolled at Salisbury under Captain Brevard and was transferred from Captain Brevard to Captain Egleston in General Greene's Army. I served in a tour to the Cherokee nation – and fought in the battle against the British at the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and was in the lower part of the State and was stationed part of one summer at the high hills of Santee and was marched through South Carolina to Briar Creek Georgia to reinforce General Ash [sic, John Ashe] at the engagement at that place.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

An: I was a soldier and received a discharge from Captain Egleston but have lost it.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

An: Robert Meek, Andrew Agee [sic, Andrew Eggers], Isaac Brown, Moses Grissum [sic, Moses Grisham]

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that, it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State, that John Conn a private in Captain Brevard's company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted in the year 1781 and left the service on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834.

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina, at Rockingham County: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1833

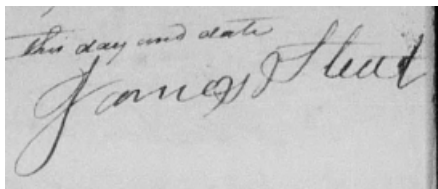
This day came James Stewart [sic]<sup>1</sup> before me and after being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God doth depose and Say on said Oath, that he knows that John Conn was in the Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War in the five months Service and he has good Reasons to believe that the said Conn was in the 12 months Service, and he thinks he was in the battle of the Eutaws as the said Conn sent Clothing by this Deponent on home, who was then Returning home. As to the actual length of his Services and the number of Services he cannot Distinctly Recollect But says he marched with him to Augusta in Georgia, and thinks Mr. Conn marched with him to Bryer Creek [sic, Briar Creek] under Colonel Lytle & General Ashe in the year 1779 or thereabouts under Ashe's Regiment, this Deponent cannot recollect where Mr. Conn Entered the Service, but at the time alluded to he thinks that the said Conn was about 24 or 25 years of age, he thinks the said Conn is about his own age which is about 74 or 75 years and this Deponent positively states that the same John Conn is the same man who is now an applicant for a Military pension, and that the said John Conn Married Hannah Vandegraff Daughter Christopher Vandegraff, then of the County of Guilford NC.

And further this Deponent Saith not.

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this day and date above mentioned.

Test: S/ J Reed, JP

S/ James Stewart

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "James Stewart" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. Above the main signature, there is a faint, smaller signature that appears to say "this day and date".

State of North Carolina, Rockingham County: July 8 A.D. 1833

This day came William Mooney<sup>2</sup> before me and after being sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God doth depose and say on said Oath that in the year of our Lord 1781 he was in the Army with one John Conn whose captain's name was Tilman Dickenson<sup>3</sup> to the best of my knowledge Lieutenant's name forgotten and in the light infantry Regiment and I believe said Conn's age to be at that time nearly 25 years old and that the said Conn did serve 12 months, and never was in but one General engagement to the best of his knowledge and that was at the Eutaw Springs I think the said Conn Joined our Regiment at Hillsboro, Orange County North Carolina and went on from there to Harrisburg Court House and from there on the back to Hillsboro and from there to old Martinsville Guilford County N. C. from there to Camden South Carolina and Joined General Greene's Army and took our winter station at Bacon's Bridge in about 18 miles of Charleston on Stonnous [sic, Stono] River and then we marched to Charlotte, North Carolina where we got our discharge I believe that he served under Col. Charles Dickenson<sup>4</sup> and Major Thomas Dunahoe [sic, Thomas Donoho]<sup>5</sup> I believe that this is the said John Conn and that he married Christopher Vandegriff's Daughter Hannah and further this deponent saith not Sworn to and Subscribed to before made this day and date first above written.

Test: S/ S. L. Cryer, JP

S/ William Mooney, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months service as a private in North Carolina and Maryland militia and Continental line.]

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1 FPA S7620 James Stewart

2 FPA S41885

3 This is probably a reference to Tilghman Dixon of Orange County [later Caswell County] NC who is known to have served under his brother, Lt. Col. Henry Dixon in the NC Continental line. This assumption is made based on Mooney having stated in his own pension application that he served under Tilghman Dixon.

4 This may be a confused attempt to refer Col. Henry Dixon since Mooney served under that officer himself.

5 [Thomas Donoho W9838](#)