

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Conner S21709

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On this 24th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of record keeping a seal and having a clerk) before Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas of the State aforesaid now sitting, James Conner a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged seventy years who being 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit That at the time he entered the service he was a resident of Guilford County North Carolina. He entered as an enlisted soldier to go to Charleston South Carolina about the year of 1778 though he don't recollect the precise time he enlisted for three months under Captain Tatum & marched to Camden South Carolina & then having no call from Charleston they there remained the term of enlistment he afterwards entered as a volunteer & served under Colonel Henderson on Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] & afterwards served under Colonel Martin & Colonel Vernon, & Captain West. He was at one engagement, that at the Hanging rock [August 6, 1780] under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] he does not recollect the date, he remained in the service until peace in 1782. This applicant has no living evidence within his reach of his service & has to rely upon his standing & the veracity of his declaration for support of his claim: He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

In open court

S/ James Wardlaw, Clerk

S/ James Conner



[Moses Waddel, a clergyman, and Moses Taggart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: In the Court of Equity

The supplemental or amended Declaration of James Conner

To wit: on this 27th day of June A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of record keeping a seal & having been constituted a court of record by the Legislature of the said

State) before Chancellor Henry W DeSaussure, now sitting, the said James Conner who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

To wit: After the expiration of the term of three months of enlistment mentioned in this declarant's declaration, before made he again, entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Vernon, who was attached to Colonel Henderson's Regiment & served on the Adkin River, this time of service was at least three months, this declarant cannot recollect the time when this service was performed: He again volunteered under Captain Vernon, attached this time to Colonel Martin's Regiment, the Regiment with Colonel Martin was engaged during the time of this service in the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1780], this declarant, though was not in that battle, having been sent out as a guard to the wagons bringing in provisions; the date of this service is not now recollected but this declarant knows it was at the time of the battle of Guilford Courthouse; This declarant was at least one month upon this service. Afterwards one Colonel Linier [sic, Lanier or Lenoir?] of Georgia came into the North Carolina & then I was induced by him to go out with him to Georgia to reclaim his property which he said he had lost in the war, three others & myself started out with him; but upon coming into South Carolina we found that we could not get to Georgia the enemy at that time having possession of Georgia & a part of South Carolina adjoining thereof; we all then turned about & joined General Sumter, entered the service at this time under Captain West, and was soon after in the engagement of the Hanging rock; this Declarant served at the time under Captain West at least one month; the time of this service is now not recollected but it was at the time of the battle of the Hanging Rock; after this, this declarant returned into North Carolina. After his return he was engaged at least one month as a guard to Governor Martin then Governor of North Carolina.

This Declarant is now very old & infirm & cannot recollect the precise times when, or the length of time that he served, but he has fixed the service at such length of time, that he cannot be mistaken as to the length of time as stated above to wit three months as an enlisted soldier under Captain Tatom, as stated in his first declaration at one time three months with Captain Vernon and at another time with the same Captain for one month; under Captain West for one months & at a guard for Governor Martin for one month, making in all nine months. This Declarant states he was in actual service at least nine months during the war. This Declarant further says that he has no living witness within his reach by whom he can prove his service.

Answer to Interrogatory.¹ I was born in Culpeper County Virginia; don't know in what year I was born but have fixed my age in my declaration at seventy years, knowing that I would swear to that age believing myself seventy-four years of age.

Answer to second Interrogatory. I have a record of my age, which is here produced in

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

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

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

5th 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.

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

7th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

court & examined by the judge but it is so obliterated by time that it is not distinctly legible, though it is red October three, 1758.

Answer to third interrogatory. In Guilford County North Carolina. Removed soon after the war to South Carolina where I have lived ever since & where I now live.

Answer to fourth interrogatory. First enlisted afterwards volunteered.

Answer to fifth interrogatory. Captain Tatum, Captain Vernon, Captain West, Colonel Martin, Colonel Henderson, & General Sumter, don't recollect of serving with any Continental's: He marched first to Camden South Carolina where we remained the term of three months returned to North Carolina volunteered served on the Yadkin; went again to South Carolina joined Sumter was in the engagement of the Hanging Rock etc.

Answer to sixth. Received no discharge except for the three months of enlistment under Captain Tatum: This discharge has long since been lost – don't recollect by whom given.

Answer to seventh Interrogatory – Rev'd Doctor M. Waddel, Moses Taggart Esquire, A. Houston Esquire, Stephen Lee, Captain Joseph Calhoun, Reverend R B Cater & many others

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

S/ David Lesly, C.E. A. D.

S/ James Conner

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