

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Conley S30333

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State of Kentucky }

County of Wayne }

On this 27th day of June personally appeared Charles Conly before the County court of Wayne It being a court of record aged 74 years on the 22 July 1835, a resident of Wayne County and State of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. that he was drafted in the army of the united states, in the year 1779 In the 17th year of his age By the authorety of the united states or of the laws of Virginia I was drafted for one month as a private just after Christmass in the Militia service in the year 1779 at Gouchland [sic: Goochland] Courthouse in the state of Virgia to go an Guard Prisoners principally of Burgoynes army [captured at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] which were stationed at the albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks. About 12 or 15 of us soldiers rendezvoused at said Court house, under Sergent Archibald Lane We marched to said Barracks and there under a certain Colo [Francis] Taylor we guarded said prisoners for one month. It was exceeding cold the snow more than a foot deep, we suffered much with cold And Having served out our months tour we were discharged by our officer and the commandant of the place, other relief having come to take our places. my discharge in writing, But long since lost.

In the fall of the same year I was again drafted for a tour of two months as a private by said authority We the company rendezvoused at Gouchland Court house under Capt Thomas Hatcher and we marched under him Major McGill other officers not now recollected We marched to Richmond the head quarters, where were many militia officers & soldiers and we served under Gen'l. Mullenburgh & Genl. Stuban [sic: Peter Muhlenberg and Baron von Steuben] had the chief command when with him, we marched down on the south side of James River and as far down as hampton Roads, In order to keep the British from coming up James River, On this tour we did not meet or see the British in our various marches up and down the River. when our Tour of two months was out we were marched back to Richmond and was then regularly discharged By our Captain in writing, to get home as well as we could.

Some time in february of the next year [1780], I was again Drafted for one month as a private at Gouchland court house of said state, but the said authority under Sergent Larner Bratcher, with 12 other militia men to take charge of 30 prisoners taken from the enemy in the South, who were sent to Gouchland Court house, with a view of sending them to the Barracks in Frederic [sic: Frederick] county near Winchester, we marched with them under our Sergant to said Barracks and delivered them over to the officer of that first and we were discharged, having serve out one month, by our said Sergent In writing

And the same year [sic: 1781] in the spring I think In may I was again drafted for another term of two months as a private By said authorety under Captain Elisha Leek [sic: Elisha Leak] & Col [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris other officers not now recolctd We rendezvoused again at Gouchland Court house and marched down James River to Richmond we then marched up and down James River In order to attack & prevent the British from Landing. The British had come up, with several vessels on James River, under the Command of a Col. or Genl. [William] Phillips, and was burning, plundering killing, on and near the River where they could safely land, They frequently fired at us with their Cannon from their vessels. But we could not reach them with our fire arms & Rifles. Phillips was about to take a magazine vessel of of our friends on the River and for fear It would fall in their hands the vessel was blown up and the sailors made good their escape to the land It made a most dreadful explosion. We caught a few of the British foraging party and they were sent to richmond, But what became of them I know not, having served out our said Tour of Two months, we were again marched to Richmond & other relief or Troops

having come, we were again discharged by our Captain in writing at richmond and we started home On the folwering Spring the next year, some time In April I was again drafted for another two months Tour as a private at Gouchland Court house under Captain John Curd my other officers names now forgotten, we rendezvoused at said Court house and marched down the River to Richmond the head quarters under General [Thomas] Nelson. And Layfayette [sic: Lafayette] when together assembled had the principal command we then marched to hanover Court house, thence to Boling green [sic: Bowling Green] Caroline County, thence to orrange & Culpepper [sic: Orange and Culpeper] Court house, Tarltons Army [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] marching near us thro the Country. We then changed our course and marched Back thro Louisa to Richmond again, Tarlton having passed on towards Little York, At this time our Tour of said two months was expired And I was again discharged by my Captain In writing to get home as well as we could

Some time in the Summer of said year I removed to the County of Albermarle Virginia. And some time about September of the same year shortly after my removal I was again drafted for another tour of two months as a private By the said Authority And Rendezvoused under Captain Samuel Wood, other officers not now recollected at Charlottsville [sic: Charlottesville]. And Marched to Yorktown we got there the day after the surrender of Tarltons Army [sic: Cornwallis's army, 19 Oct 1781] to General Washington, and we marched with and guarded with other portions of the army, Tarlton & Cornwallis's Army of Prisoners to the Federic Barracks in about 8 miles beyond the Court house & we were all discharged in writing Having served of this last tour six weeks, and we returned home, my several discharges all have been lost for several years, being thot of no account

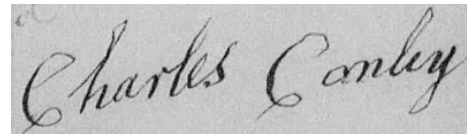
I was born in Chesterfield County in Warwick lawn in the state of Virginia, on the 22nd day of July 1761 By my Fathers record of my age And 2 or three years after my Father & mother moved to the county of gouchland in the state of Virginia, where I resided untill about 22 years of age, then moved to the state of Georgia in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] county living then about 14 years and then removed back to Viginia in Lee county, living there about 12 years I then moved to Wayne county Kentucky in the year 1816 where I have since lived and now live

I am well known by many persons In Wayne county towit, Col Joel Wilhite, Major John McHenry Jno. Debrill Col James White, & many others of my neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. I know of no person now living or surviving in this part of the state By whom I can prove my Services aforesaid they are now dead, or living in the state of Viginia, or moved to parts unknown to me

I the said Charles Conly relinquish every claim what so ever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension rool of any agency of any state

The said Charles Conly states that his health with the infirmity of age for a year or two past has been bad, that he could not come out conveniently to Town in order to form & present this his said Declaration for a pension, and that he labored under an impression that he must prove his said services, and living at an Inconvenient part of the county to come to court But that his Health a few months past has some what improved with difference I claim compensation for 9 months & a few days as aforesaid

Sworn and subscribed in Open court the day and year first stated

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Conly". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the late 18th or early 19th century.