

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Connelly S30345

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State of Kentucky } Sgt.

County of Nelson }

On this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before Enoch H. McKay Esq'r the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Nelson, and a member of the County Court for said County in the State aforesaid, John Connelley a resident in the County aforesaid and State aforesaid, who from infirmity, affliction and old age is entirely unable to travel to the Courthouse in s'd. County, a distance of at least thirteen miles, and appear in open Court before the Court of Nelson County.

The said John Connelley states on oath, from the best information he has, that he was born in the State of Virginia on the 22nd day of August 1757 and that he was Eighty two years of age the 22nd day of August 1839 last past. And 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 7th 1832

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. That in the year 1777 he lived in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia, and the first of September of that Year he volunteered and joined the company Commanded by Captain Benjamin Moody, the Lieutenants name was William Daniel and the Ensign John Hunter. The principal commanding and Field Officers under whom he served were John Gilpin Col. and James Wren Major and Col. Lumley. He states that he served three months, and the first of December 1777 he left the army, having served out the time for which he volunteered and returned home.

He states that he was in no Battels or engagements that the Company to which he belonged rendezvoused at Alexandria in Virginia and marched from there to Georgetown in the State of Maryland from there to Frederick town in Maryland, thence to Yorktown [York PA], thence to Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania, thence on the Schuylkill river where they were dismissed and returned home. He further states, that in the year 1781 he lived in Louden [sic: Loudoun] County in the state of Virginia and in the month of July of that year he was drafted for a tour of three months, and went out in the company Commanded by Captain John Linton, the Lieutenants name was Will Debell [William Debell] and Francis Adams Ensign. The principal commanding and Field Officers were Col. George Summers and Major Risby, who first took command of us, where we first rendezvoused at West's tavern in Louden County Virginia, The marched us to a place called Maubin hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], where we joined the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Stephens[sic: Edward Stevens], and where Col. Summers and Major Risby were released from any further command, Thomas Merriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] and William Hardyman took command in their places, from the Maubin Hills we marched to the old Magazine near Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia then to the encampment called Springfield there we were dismissed and returned home, in the month of October 1781 having served a full tour of three months. He states that he was in no battels during the above tour of service, that all the Officers under whom he served were Militia Officers and that he did not serve with any Continettal Regiments of Companies that he now recollects of, and that he has no recollection of the names of any Regular Officers who served with the troops, during the term he was in the Army. He further states, that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his 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 the agency of any state.

[signed] John Connelly

State of Kentucky }
Nelson County }
Sct.

On this nineteenth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared before me Enoch H. McKay an acting justice of the peace in and for the County of Nelson and State aforesaid, John Connelley a resident in the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration and statement in addition to his Declaration heretofore made and sworn to in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He states the principal reasons of his not applying for his Pension at an earlier period are as follows Towit:

He was ignorant of the manner and steps he was to pursue to obtain his pension. He was of opinion he would have to prove his services in the army by some living Witness or Witnesses, which he could not do, for all those of his acquaintances who served with him at the time are dead. He had declined ever applying for his pension until the last two years since which time he has been so afflicted that he has been unable to walk or travel beyond his own door, and from his affliction has been brought to see the necessity of the present application. before that time he was blessed with health and prosperity and relied on his own resources for all the comforts and conveniences of life, had plenty and to spare, till now he sees the necessity of applying for that pittance which he so dearly earned, and this necessity is produced by the afflicting hand of a divine providence.

[signed] John Connelly