

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Conway S31623

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Territory of Arkansas, County of Hempstead

On the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Thomas P. Eskridge one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Territory of Arkansas aforesaid, and sole Judge now sitting and presiding in the Circuit Court holden in and for the County of Hempstead aforesaid William Canaway [sic] a resident of the County of Hempstead and Territory of Arkansas aged about 69 years 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 the seventh 1832, to wit: That from the best information in his possession he was born on or about the second day of November 1761 in the State of South Carolina near Broad River, whence his parents removed when he was about two years old he was removed to Packet [sic, Pacolet] River in the State of South Carolina where he was raised and lived during the American Revolution, where he married and had three children, that in the year of 1787 he removed to the State of Georgia, Washington County, where he resided about three years, thence he removed back into South Carolina Abbeville County Rocky River where he remained about one year, then he removed to Columbia Richland County State of South Carolina where he resided about three years. In the year 1800 he removed west of the river Mississippi to a French village about thirty miles below New Madison [?], that he lived there until the year 1810 when he removed to Spring River, where he lived several years, thence he removed to Hempstead County Arkansas Territory where he now resides. That from lapse of time he finds himself unable to state the particular terms and dates of service performed by him during the war of the Revolution. That he entered the service of the United States as a militia man in the year of 1778 or 1779 in the State of South Carolina he was at that time commanded by Col. John Anderson, that his Captain was named Dennis Trammell [Dennis Tramell]. The company was designated as mounted Rangers and served six months they were all volunteers, that he was at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and that the company he belonged to attack a Tory Fort called Mud Lick [Mudlick¹], but failed in taking it. He further states that he received a severe wound in the left arm at the battle of the Cowpens that shattered the joints which has never got entirely well. That he served as a volunteer and belonged to the mounted Rangers from the year 1779 until the termination of the war, and was commanded by the different officers and amongst others the following officers, Captain Lawson [John Lawson] was commanded by Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck], Captain Dixon [Jeremiah Dickson] who was commanded by Colonel White, Captain John Nap [John Napp, maybe same man as Capt. John Mapp] , that during said period he was in several engagements & skirmishes with the enemy and particularly at the battle of the black stocks [sic, Blackstock's Plantation, November 20, 1780]] on Tiger River where General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] commanded and at the battle of Mud Lick Fort where Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] commanded at a battle on

¹ a/k/a Fort Williams December 31, 1780 or Williams' Plantation

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_williams_plantation.html

fair forest [sic, Fairforest Creek] where Colonel Brandon commanded that he served as a mounted Ranger under Colonel Anderson for upwards of six months.

The following interrogatories were propounded to the said William Conway by the court, to wit: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the state of South Carolina in the year of 1761.

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

Answer: I had my age recorded in a Bible but it was burnt up in my house on Spring River.

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

Answer: When I entered the service I resided in South Carolina. I lived in South Carolina and Georgia until 1800 when I removed west of the Mississippi, I now reside in Hempstead County Arkansas Territory.

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

Answer: Volunteers were called for and I always entered the Army as a volunteer and served as such. I never served as a substitute.

State the names of the general 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.

Answer: The general officers were Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Sumter, Greene [Nathanael Greene], Marion [Francis Marion], Gates [Horatio Gates] &c. I served as a mounted Ranger all the time I was in the service.

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

Answer: I never received any discharge.

Did you ever receive a commission, if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer: I never did receive a commission but I served as a second Lieutenant in Captain Lawson's company of mounted Rangers for six months. Said deponent further states that to the best of his recollection he served under the following Captains, to wit: under Captain Trammell six months; under John Lawson, six months; under Captain Jeremiah Dickson six months; under John Nap, Captain, six months; that he served under said officers as a mounted Ranger between the years of 1779 and 1783 but he is unable to state the particular dates that he served under said officers, that he has no documentary evidence that will prove his services in the revolutionary war, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except old Mrs. Mary Dickson whose testimony he cannot procure who now resides in Clark County Arkansas Territory about 35 miles from this place, but on account of her age and infirmity it is impossible for him to procure her testimony.

Question propounded by the court.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer: I am known to and well acquainted with the Reverend John Henry, the Reverend Tilman L. Patterson, Matthew Gray a merchant at Hempstead Court House and also Ephraim Merrick [?] also a merchant at Hempstead Court House, who can make statements as to my integrity and honesty.

Deponent further states that he never received a pension from the United States government or any state in the United States. He further states that he never applied for a pension for his services during the Revolutionary War but was informed and believed that he would have received a pension if he had applied on account of the wound received at the battle of the Cowpens. I the said William Conway to hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ William Conway

William Conway
for a Bay horse supposed to be
Stolen from him whilst in the Pub
lic Service about the 1st of April last
valued at

One Thousand Pounds

Ex'd

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Referred to the Assembly
In Council 1st December 79