

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Hugh Connor (Conner) S34247
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MA PA [see endnote]

United States, Massachusetts District, [4 April 1818]

I Hugh Connor of Boston in the District aforesaid and now a resident of United States an applicant for a pension from the United States, under an act of Congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of United States in the Revolutionary war make oath that I served in the war of the revolution, on the continental Establishment, for the space of six years, or nearly that period, and in manner following. I enlisted into the Service of United States on or about the first of February[?] AD 1777 a corporal for the space of three years and entered in Capt Joseph Richardsons Company, belonging to fifth Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry [see endnote] commanded by Col. William Richardson, and did, at the end of said thee years, reenlist in said capacity of corporal, in Capt Birds Company belonging to some Regiment, commanded by Col Woolford, for and during the war, and was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis, in South Carolina [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and afterwards exchanged and honorably discharged, having faithfully served United States for nearly six years the times specified as aforesaid, and that I am in need of assistance from my Country for support
Hugh hisXmark Connor

District of Massachusetts, ss.

ON this seventh day of July 1820 personally appeared, in open Court, being a Court of Record, viz. Boston Court of Common Pleas created such by the Laws of this Commonwealth Hugh Conner aged sixty four years, resident in Boston in the County of Suffolk in said District, labourer who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: that he served in the Company Commanded by Captain Richardson in the 5th massachusetts [sic] Regiment commanded by Col Richardson – his declaration was dated on the 4 April 1818 & his Pension Certificate is No 6491 dated on the 29 January 1819

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

signed Hugh HisXmark Conner

Schedule of Property belonging to the Subscriber late a Private in the Army of the Revolution

Real Estate none

Personal Estate none

Occupation a labourer but unable to work in Consequence of old age & infirmities

Family A Wife who is Old & out of Health signed Hugh hisXmark Conner

NOTES:

The inscription on the file jacket states that Conner served from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, but it appears more likely that he served only from Maryland. Col. William Richardson commanded the 5th Regiment of the Maryland Continental Line until he resigned on 22 Oct 1779, when he was replaced by Col. William Woolford. Richard Bird was a Captain in the same regiment. Both Col. Woolford and Capt. Bird were at the Battle of Camden, from which it is inferred that Connor was captured there.

A muster roll gives the following information for Hugh Conner of the Fifth Maryland Regiment
<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000018/html/am18--192.html>:

Private Hugh Conner enlisted 9 Feb 1777, first mustered in June 1778, and was “missing” on 16 Aug 1780. He is shown as belonging to the company of “Gray” – “now Handy.” Capt. James Woolford Gray was captured at the Siege of Savannah on 9 Oct 1779 and remained a prisoner until 10 Feb 1781. “Handy” apparently refers to Capt. Levin Handy (pension application W9475).

On a different muster roll for the 5th Maryland Regiment
<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000018/html/am18--277.html>
Hugh Conner is shown as having deserted on 1 April 1777. On a muster roll entitled “Left out of Sixth Regiment” a Hugh Conner is said to have enlisted on 23 Aug 1777 and was “left out” of the March 1778 roll.