

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Patrick Connolly (Connolley) S35861  
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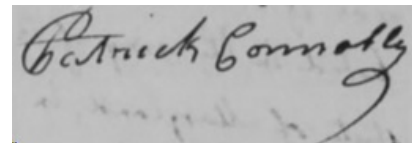
MD [DE]

United States  
Delaware district Sct;

Depositions of witnesses produced, sworn or affirmed and examined before me John Fisher District Judge of the United States for the Delaware district, on the claim of Patrick Connelley for a pension under 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"; approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818.

The aforesaid Patrick Connelly aged about sixty-one years, and resident in the district aforesaid personally appearing before me and being duly affirmed (he being conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath) deposes and declares as follows: to wit, That in the spring of the year of seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, this affirmant enlisted in the army of the United States in Frederictown [Frederick] in the state of Maryland, in a company commanded by Capt Bailey [Mountjoy Bayly, pension application S12094] in the seventh Maryland regiment, for the term of three years; that this affirmant did serve out the term of his enlistment in the said regiment and was discharged therefrom in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty; that some time after said discharge, this affirmant was enlisted by Captain William M. Kennan [sic: William McKennan W3104] of the Delaware regiment, at Christiana bridge in the state of Delaware, to serve during the war; that some short time after said last enlistment this affirmant joined the southern part of the Delaware regiment at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia and thence marched to the siege of Cornwallis at York-town; that thence after the capitulation of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] this affirmant was marched to Philadelphia where he did military duty and was finally disbanded either at Philadelphia or Newcastle, at the end of the revolutionary war; that this affirmant was at the following general engagements or battles during the period of his military services as a private soldier in the revolutionary army towit, Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Mud fort [siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] and the seige of Cornwallis aforesaid; and this affirmant further declares, that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support; and that from his bodily infirmity, he is not now capable of performing those services in his mechanical pursuit, which would secure to him, either a decent or comfortable subsistence; and further this affirmant saith not.

Taken, affirmed & subscribed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818



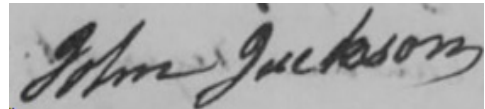
John Shelton aged sixty-four or sixty-five years, being sworn in due form of law, deposes and declares as follows, That he knew Patrick Connolly, while a private soldier in the Maryland troops or line in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven; that this deponent saw and knew Mr. Connolly after he returned with the Delaware regiment from the siege of York, some time in the year 1782; that the place of his last seeing him in the Delaware regiment was in the city of Philadelphia, where said Connolly was usually employed in the capacity of fugleman to the Delaware regiment; and further this deponent saith not.

Taken, sworn & subscribed at Dover, 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818      John hisXmark Shelton

John Jackson [pension application S36021] aged fifty-six years in April next being sworn in due form of law deposes and declares, That the first knowledge which he obtained of Patrick Connolly was at Christiana bridge in the state of Delaware, when said Patrick was enlisted in the Delaware Regiment by Captain William McKennan; that this was, to the best of this deponent's knowledge in the forepart of the

year 1781; that this deponent knew said Connolly after the seige of Cornwallis, when he came with a detachment of the Delaware regiment to Philadelphia; that said Connolly did duty as a soldier in the said Regiment to the end of the revolutionary war, and was mostly employed as a fogleman; and was finally disbanded at the close of the contest, at Newcastle; and that this deponent verily believes that the said Patrick Connolly, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, is now in need of assistance from his country for support; and further this deponent saith not.

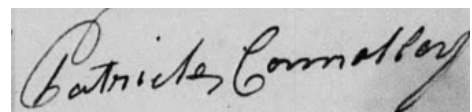
Taken, sworn & subscribed At Dover this 27<sup>th</sup> March 1818.



The Supplemental deposition of Patrick Connolly in the case of his claim for a pension under the provisions of an act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818; made in pursuance of the rules and regulations ordained at the war department on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1818, to be observed in proceedings under the afores'd. act of Congress.

The aforesaid Patrick being further examined solemnly affirms as follows, that the first discharge which this affirmant obtained from the 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland regiment, he shortly afterwards lost in the city of Philadelphia; that with regard to the discharge from the Delaware regiment; at the close of the revolutionary war, this affirmant thinks, that Captain McKennan did give him a few lines, evidencing such discharge, but this affirmant thought them of little value and has long since lost them; and further this affirmant saith not.

Taken, sworn & subscribed this 1 day of April 1818.



State of Delaware Ss

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware held at Dover in and for Kent county it being a court of Record Patrick Connelly aged about sixty three years residing in the said Town of Dover in the said county of Kent and said State, who being first solemnly affirmed (he being conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath) according to law doth on his solemn Affirmation declare that he served in the revolutionary war first in Captain Bailey's Company which was attached to the seventh Maryland regiment commanded by Colonel [John] Gunby, that then he served in the Delaware Regiment under Captain William McKennon during the war, that this date of his original declaration is the 27 day of March 1818, as he believes and that the number of his pension certificate is 4887. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. I am the Postmaster at Dover aforesaid, have no family, am infirm and not able to labour. Signed Patrick Connolly

A Schedule of the whole estate and income of Patrick Connelly of The Town of Dover Kent County and State of Delaware late a private in the revolutionary Army of the United States and now a pensioner, except his necessary bedding and clothing.

The Income of the Post office in Dover supposed to be worth about Sixty five dollars pr year after deducting house rent, fire wood &c.

2 old watches one silver the other Brass \$8.00 a few old Books .50

1 Saddle .25 1 tea kettle .12½ tin coffee pot 12½ 2 Jugs 24[?] Small cups 6¼

2 earthen pitchers 6¼ 2 Earthen dishes 6¼ 2 knives & forks 6¼ 1 pr andirons .50

1 Bench & 1 chair 12½ 1 Barrell 6¼ 1 Tub 6¼ Candlestick & snuffers 6¼  
1 small chest 6¼ 1 Inkstand 6¼ 1 pr Shoe Breeches 6¼ 1 shovel 1 pot rack 6¼  
1 axe 12½ 1 penknife 6¼ shaving Glass & Bason 12½ 3 Small Boxes 3 1 small tin cup 2  
1 earthen pot 2 3 small bottles & 2 vials 3 1 lantern 6¼  
1 mouse trap 2. Amanac 2 towells 12½ cloths Brush 6¼ boot Jack .3  
pr Spectacles .3 and Shoe hammer 6. Whole amount \$11.10¾  
The Income from marrying (I being authorised to marry) not exceeding 6 dollars pr year.  
Patrick Connolly

NOTE: The file includes a letter to the War Department by John Fisher stating in part, "We, in this quarter, have long known and venerated him, both for his faithful revolutionary services (which are of public notoriety) and for his unfeigned devotion to the cause of vital religion."