

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Connerly (Connelly) S40053  
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Commonwealth of Virginia }  
Brunswick County }

On this 22nd day of June 1818 before us the subscribers, sitting as justices of the County Court of Brunswick, personally appeared before us, William Connerly, aged 63 years resident in the said County, in the said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Wm. Connerly enlisted in the continental army in March 1776 in the Borough of Norfolk in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. James Mason, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. commanded by Colo [Josiah] Parker; that he continued to serve in said corps, and in the service of the United States for two years, it being the time for which he enlisted, when he was regularly discharged in the state of Maryland, but have lost, or mislaid his discharge; that he was in the battles of Monmouth Courthouse [28 Jun 1778], and several other inferior conflicts; that his reduced circumstances in life makes him stand in need of assistance from his country for support; and that the evidence of his services is the accompaying affidavit, or deposition of Shadrack Whit.

Shadrack Whit being first duly sworn according to law, states that himself & the said Wm. Connerly enlisted at the same time & in the same Reg't., and that he did serve in the continental army of the revolution, for the time, & in the manner he has above stated.

Virginia Brunswick County Sct. On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, William Connelly of the said County aged Sixty Six years, a resident of the said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Regiment, Captain James Mason Company his Original Certificate dated the [blank] day of [blank] that he has received no pension, that the number of his pension Certificate is 10.262. 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 person 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 to wit Six Hogs, One Chest, 4 Chairs, One Saddle, 1 pr. flat Irons, One pewter Dish, 6 plates, 6 knives and forks, one Pot, & one Dutch Oven, that I am by occupation a Blacksmith, by which I am unable to support myself & family, that the number of my family residing with me is a daughter named Elvira T. Connelly aged Seventeen years, who is unable to support herself. Sworn to and declared on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of October 1820 before the County Court of Brunswick aforesaid