

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Conner S42137

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District of Ohio Miami County Ss

On this 20th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open court to wit the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid and a court of record made so by the constitution of the State of Ohio Joseph Conner aged sixty seven years 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 acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 That he the said Joseph Conner enlisted into the service of the United States for the Term of eighteen months at Berkly [sic" Berkeley] County Virginia some time in or about the month of May 1777 in a company Commanded by Captain Johns that he marched from said County shortly afterward and joined a Regiment commanded by a Col'n. Hunt at Winchester in said State That he served out said Term of eighteen months in the same Regiment and immediately after about November 1778 he again enlisted at Pointy Fork [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] in said State (where said Regiment then was) for a Term to continue during the war in a company of cavalry Commanded by Captain [James] Gunn in a Regiment Commanded by Col [Anthony Walton] White that he served in said last mentioned Regiment about one year when he was transfered to Col Washingtons [William Washington's] Regiment of horse in which regiment he served until the close of the war of the revolution part of the time in said Captain Gunns Company & a part in a captain Hughs [sic: John Hughes's] Company that he was finally discharged at Winchester in Virginia by Captain Murray at which time and place General [Daniel] Morgan attended and assisted & superintended the discharge of the men that he was in the service under both enlistments about five years & eight months in which time he was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] at Monks Corner [sic: skirmish at Moncks Corner SC, 14 Apr 1780] at Utaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] at a skirmish with the Indians about three miles from Savannah in which skirmish he was shot through the leg he was also at the battle of the cowpens [Cowpens SC, 17 Jan 1781] at the Capture of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and during the same Period he was in a great number of skirmishes of small parties, of piquet guards to numerous to mention & this applicant declares that he has lost his discharge given to him by captain Murray as before stated and he knows of no other evidence of his enlistment & services within his power to obtain than the affidavit of Adam Garlaugh hereto attached though he has no doubt were it in his power to go to Virginia he would there find many living who served with him as above stated.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 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 person 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

to wit one lot of ground containing one fourth of an acre in the Town of Newling	\$50.00
1 bedstead over & above one bed bedstedd bed & bedding	2.50
1 spinning wheel \$2.50 1 chest \$3.50 1 Table \$3.00	8.00
1 pot \$1.00 1 oven \$2 00 1 skillit 75 1 shovel & tongs \$1	4.75
1 chair 37½ cts 1 meat tub 75 cts 1 Bucket 50 cts	1.62½
Dresser & Table furniture consisting of crockery &c	12.37½
Sundry small articles (nameless)	<u>1.00</u>

Total amount in Value

\$80.25

And I do solemnly swear and declare that the above is a true schedule of all the property I own or possess (one bed bedstead & bedding & the necessary wearing apparel of my self & wife excepted) & that the value of the same is not more than about eighty dollars & twenty five cents as I verily believe

That I am a farmer or hand labourer and have no mechanical occupation That my family consists of myself & wife who is as I verily believe about sixty nine years of age that my said wife is very infirm as also myself That neither myself nor wife are able to do but little labour and my wife at this time is not able to do any thing owing to a dislocation of her shoulder & we are & for three or four years have been both dependant in a great measure upon the charity of our neighbours for our support & maintainance

Joseph hisCmark Conner

[Conner appears to have lost his pension for some unstated reason. Documents in the file indicate that around 1827 an effort was made to obtain a pension by special act of Congress.]

The State of Ohio Miami County Ss. [20 Oct 1827]

Before me Cornelius Westfall Justice of the Peace within and for said County, personally appeared John W. Meredith [pension application W4737] of Lawful age, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that in the years 1777, 8, 9 and 1780 he was in the service of the United States on the continental establishment during the Revolutionary war, and that from sometime in September in the year 1778 he became acquainted with Joseph Conner now of Montgomery County and State of Ohio, and that the said Joseph Conner was then serving in the army of the United States on the Continental establishment in the line of Virginia, and that he saw him frequently in said service until about the middle of May 1780 when he was under the command of Captain Gunn as he very well remembers, and further this deponent saith not.

[signed] John W. Meredith

NOTE:

On 27 Feb 1821 Adam Garlaugh, 70, stated that he "was not in the service himself as a regular soldier," but had been a neighbor of Joseph Conner, and that Conner was gone about five years and "returned equiped as a cavalry soldier." On 22 Nov 1821 John Garlough (as he signed), age 59 on the following 17 Dec, stated that he had lived in Washington County MD during the Revolutionary War and knew of Conner's enlistment and return "in the uniform of a private of a Light-horseman or Dragoon."

A letter from H. Stoddard of Dayton dated 29 Oct 1827 states that at the time he made his application Conner "had for a short time been a resident in the N.W. corner of Miami County," and had since moved to Montgomery County. The letter further states that when Stoddard informed Conner that he would not receive his pension before the new year, he exclaimed, "My God the old woman & I shall starve & freeze to death before that time I am afraid or else have to beg."