

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Ephraim Conyers S8244

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State of North Carolina }  
Franklin County } on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1833. Personally appeared  
in open Court, before the Justices now siting Ephraim  
Conyers - a resident of the County of franklin and state of North Carolina aged Seventy Seven  
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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and  
served as herein stated.

That being a resident at the time of the State of South Carolina he in the month of  
February 1779. volunteered his services for the space of Two months in the Militia of South  
Carolina in what is now called york District. in Colo Neals [sic: Thomas Neel's] regiment name of  
the Captain not now recollected and marched under John Wallace ajutant of the rigiment to  
head quarters near Augusta [Georgia] and Joined the army Commanded by Genl [Andrew]  
Williamson then rec'd orders to march to Genl Ashs [sic: John Ashe's] head quarters near Briar  
Creek — on our march we met the men retreating and rec'd information of the defeat of Genl.  
Ash [at the Battle of Briar Creek, 3 March 1779]. We were then march back to Genl Williamsons  
head quarters but remained there but a few days; from whence we marched with a detachment  
Commanded by Maj'r Francis Ross and Colo [LeRoy] Hammond against the [Creek] Indians on  
the Frontier of Georgia to a fort on the ogeechee River [sic: possibly Benjamin Fulsam's fort on  
Ogeechee River]. Joined Colo Pickins [sic: Andrew Pickens] with about 300 men - but when we  
reached the Fort It had been Evacuated and fired by the Indians and was burning when we got  
there. - but from the signs it appeared that the Indians had left the fort in two parties Colo  
Hammond being a brave man and Mag'r Ross a young and active man he gave the Command to  
Ross and Ross and his men took one trail and Pickins and his men the other, and by forced  
marches we overtook the Indians the second day [at Rocky Comfort Creek GA, 22 March 1779]  
and gave them Battle in which Mag'r Ross was killed but the Indians were entirely routed and a  
number of them killed We then returned to head quarters near Augusta where we remained  
untill we were discharged. I have no recollection whether or not I received the discharge in  
writing and if I did I have no knowledge what ever became of it. during this volantry service I  
went as a soldier in the state troops of South Carolina. This was a two months tour and I served  
out that time accordingly.

In the months of May or June 1779. I again entered the service of the united states in the state  
of South Carolina for the space of Two months as a substitute for a Drafted Malitiaman by the  
name of Andrew Countryman, in Colo Neals regiment and Company Commanded by Lieut Little  
Joined the army at Bacons Bridge [at Summerville] and marched from thence to Charlestown  
where we were besieged by the British for about two or three weeks [sic: see note below] after  
the siege was raised we pursued the enemy to Ashley ferry and there encamped untill our time  
of service expired - which was about ten days before the Battle of Stono [Battle of Stono Ferry,  
20 June 1779]. We were then again discharged but I do not believe we received any Certificates. I  
went from what is called york District where I served this tour.

In the year 1780 I was Drafted in Colo [William] Brattons regiment in the Malitia of South  
Carolina in the month of [blank] for the space of two months name of the Capt not now  
recollected I joined the army at Orangeburg - was marched from thence to Charlestown or in the  
direction to Charlestown but before we reached the Town we learnt that the Town was Besieged  
by the British and all communication cut off. We were then marched across Santee river and  
encamped at wrights bluff [in Clarendon County] where we rec'd the information of the  
surrender of Charlestown [12 May 1780] and in a few days thereafter Gov'r [John] Rutledge came  
into our camp and ordered our discharge which was done accordingly but I took no written  
discharge as I recollect of and if I did I have no knowledge what became of it. In this tour I also  
served out the whole two months. I went from what is called york District this Tour.

In the year 1781. - as well as I can recollect the date - in the month of — soon after the Battle of Guilford North Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 March 1781] Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] having marched into South Carolina and Issuing his Proclamation for all those who were well disposed or well effected to the cause of liberty to come forward and Join him. - I immediately repaired to Camp and Joined his army at Byerleys ferry on broad River [probably Brierly's or Shirer's Ferry near present Monticello Reservoir] and was employed in guarding the Passes on said river - and in marching to and fro in the country to suppress the rising of the royalists and to check the movements of the enemy - under the command of Colo Wynne & Magr Pearson to the best of my knowledge and recollection I was I was out and in service on this tour three months In this Tour I went from Chester District in South Carolina

I again in the year 1781 or 1782 and month not recollected entered the service of the united states in the state of South Carolina as a substitute for a man by the name of Thomas Mobly who was a Drafted Malitia man in Colo. Wynns regiment commanded by Lieut. James Thomas - Joined the army at Four hole Bridge where we remained except when on Scouting parties untill we were discharged after a two months Tour the term the said Mobly was drawn for and I took his place for - and served it out accordingly - have no recollection of receiving a discharge in writing. In this tour I went from Chester District in South Carolina.

I again in the year 1782 or 3 [sic] and month of [blank] entered the service of the united states in the state of South Carolina as a substitute for one John Humphreys a Drafted Militiaman under Capt Lyle in Colo Hopkins rigiment this regiment was was raised for the purpose of reinforcing General Greens army a short time before the battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. two or three days after we left home on our march an express was sent to Colo Hopkins informing him that the tories had raised a party and was doing mischief in the District Colo Hopkins then immediately ordered a patrole of about forty men as well as I now can recollect to be detached from the regiment to return to the District and gave the command to Capt Anderson Thomas and Capt Mainus Lyle I fell on that Patrole and performed active duty during my time of service which was two months - the time Mumphreys was Drafted for and I served in his place while we were on this Patrole the balance of our regiment was engaged in the Battle at the Eutaw Springs. I also went from Chester District South Carolina in this Tour.

I again in the year 1782 or 3 entered the service as a volanteer under Capt Lyle in a Company commanded by Mag'r. Pearson in the state of South carolina with fifty or sixty others to go in a tour or Pursuit of some tories or disaffected men who were concealed in the swamps doing mischief we were out on this Tour about three or four weeks - and no more the date not now recollected. I went from Chester District when I served this Tour also.

The said Ephraim Conyers further swears that he was Born in the County of Hallifax [sic: Halifax] in the state of North Carolina that when about ten or twelve years of age his parents moved to the County of Bute now franklin in the state of North Carolina where he remained with them untill he grew up to manhood - the date of his birth as put down in his fathers Prayer Book is the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1756. which he has no doubt is correct. - which Book is now in the possession of Jones Cook Esq'r of franklin one of my Nephews. That when he first grew up he went to the state of South Carolina and lived with a sister and Brother in law who then lived in what is now called york District. That he continued to live and reside in the state of South Carolina about five years during which time the above stated services were performed all of which was two months Tours Except the fourth and seventh the fourth being three months and the seventh one only three or four weeks making in all thirteen months and three weeks or fourteen months. That he cannot recollect the exact dates of all the Tours but has put them as well as he can he being now old and forgetful

That about the close of the Revolution he moved back to the County of (Bute now Franklin [since 1779]) in the state of North Carolina and settled and have lived in the said county of franklin in the said state of North Carolina ever since and do now live there.

That he was called into service as above set forth [illegible word] the first time as a volunteer the 2<sup>nd</sup> as substitute for Andrew Countryman - the 3<sup>rd</sup> as a Drafted Malitiaman the 4<sup>th</sup> as a volunteer under Genl Greens Proclamation commanded by Colo wynne & Magr Pearson - the 5<sup>th</sup> a substitute for Thomas Mobly. Colo wynne commandant the 6<sup>th</sup> as substitute for John Humphreys in the the regiment of Colo Hopkins commanded by Capt Lyle - the 7<sup>th</sup> a three or

four week tour against the Tories as a volunteer company commanded by Capt Lyle & Magr Pearson the other other General Circumstances above set forth. That he has no recollection of ever receiving any other discharge Except by word of mouth If he ever rec'd one in writing he has no knowledge or recollection what ever became of it.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no Person whose testimony he can procure who can who can testify to his service.

I 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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the state of North Carolina

I am acquainted with the following persons in my neighbourhood who can testify to my caracter for veracity and good behaviour viz Jones Cook Esq'r Colo. Jerimiah Perry Lewis Bridges and the Revd Thomas Crocker Clergyman.

The whole of the services herein expressed was done within the five years I lived in South Carolina and between the year 1779. and the end of the revolution commencing in the month of February AD 1779.

September Court 1833.

[signed] E. Conyers

NOTE: Conyers's account of the siege of Charleston during his second tour is incorrect. Gen. Augustine Prevost left Georgia on 28 April 1779, and his troops arrived at the Ashley River west of Charleston less than two weeks later. On 11 May they demanded the surrender of the city, but after intercepting a dispatch indicating that Gen. Benjamin Lincoln's Southern army was on the way, they retreated in the dead of night.

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Ephraim Conyers  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1428  
Transcribed by Will Graves

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15 March 1784

Mr. Ephraim Conyers his Account of Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782

128 days

Charged [old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£104.15.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£14.19.3 ¼

NB The duty is said to be performed under several persons & certified by Captain Liles whom he had served no part of his time under likewise the Account certifying attestation & Justices appear to be one hand Writing – neither is the Duty said when it commenced or Ended  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Ephraim Conyers

Dr.

1781 To 59 Days Service Done on horse at Orangeburg  
under Colonel Winn [Richard Winn] at 20/  
[20 Shillings per day]

£59.0.0

1782 To 24 Days Service done at 4 hole  
Bridge under Captain Davis at 10/  
To 30 Days Duty Done at Orangeburg  
under Lieutenant Mayfield as Sergeant at 12/6

£12.0.0

18.15.0

£89.15.0

1781 To 15 Days Duty done at Edisto under  
Major John Pearson as horseman at 20/  
**128 Days**

15.0.0

£104.15.0

I do hereby Certify the Above Act. [Account] to be Just and true.

S/ Arramanos Liles Capt.

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

*Arriamano's Liles Capt*

28<sup>th</sup> January 1784

Ninety Six District

Appeared Mr. Ephraim Conyers and made oath that the above act is Just and true and that he has Never Received Satisfaction for the same.

Sworn to before me

this 28<sup>th</sup> day 1784

S/ Thos. Gordon, JP

S/ Ruben Wilks

*Ruben Wilks*

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<sup>2</sup> Who is this and what connection does he have to this claim? The documents in the file give no clue as to the answers to these questions.