Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Condrey S9214 VA
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State of Virginia } Chesterfield } Ss.

On this fourteenth day of August, Anno Domini 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, John Condrey, a resident of the said County of Chesterfield and state of Virginia, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of An Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832, entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, to wit;

In the month of February or March 1776 in the County and State aforesaid, he was drafted and entered the service in the company of militia commanded by Captain John Archer, the subalterns he cannot remember, marched in said company down to Williamsburg and The Springfield Camp, returned to Bermuda Hundred in Chesterfield County and was there discharged, after a service of nine or ten days, without having been attached to any Regiment.

In the month of August in the year [omitted] he was called out in the same County and State, and went, as a private in the Company of militia commanded by Capt Richard Baugh, Thomas Goode Lieutenant and Baxter Foulks Ensign, down to Hampton, remained on service there about two months as he supposes and was discharged, at Hampton, but cannot recollect what field officers he was under, or in what year he performed this tour.

In the fall of 1780 as he thinks, he was called out in the same County and State, and entered Captain Creed Haskin's company of Militia, Edward Branch and John Robertson being subalterns, marched down to Cabin Point, Smithfield and Mackay's mills [Mackie's Mill], in the Counties of Surry, Isle of Wight and Nansemond, and was place under the command of General [Robert] Lawson, and was discharged after having served a full tour as well as he can recollect, which was usually two months.

In the latter part of the winter or early in the Spring of 1781, he was again called out and entered the service, in the same County and State, in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Edward Moseley, John Hill Lieut. & Robert Wooldridge Ensign, went down on Blackwater in the South Eastern part of Virginia under the command of General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], Col. James Monroe and Major [William] Boyce; was pursued by the British Army under General [William] Phillips up to Petersburg and was present but being posted in Pocahontas and took no part in the action there about the last of April [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], under the command of the same officers and Baron Steuben: marched thence through Chesterfield, crossed James River at Manikin [sic: Manakin Town] or Tuckahoe, met General Lafayette at Richmond, and was discharged shortly afterwards at Wilton in the County of Henrico, after having served a tour of about three months, in the month of May.

In the summer of the same year, he was again called out, and went from the same County in Captain George Markhams's company of militia, Robert Wooldridge and Luke Fowler being the subalterns in the Regiment commanded by Col. St. George Tucker, to the neighbourhood of Williamsburg and then to York and was put under the command of General Washington was engaged in the siege of the British Army at that place under Cornwallis. After his surrender [19 Oct 1781], this declarant started with his company to escort the prisoners to Winchester, but becoming lame on the way, he was discharged near Bowling Green, and returned home about a week earlier than the rest of his

company, which was some time in the latter part of November as well as he recollect; having served in that tour between two and three months. That he was also frequently called out during this year, and served short periods, sometimes more than a month, sometimes only a few days, in various companies & under different officers, he remembers to have served under Col. [Robert] Goode, Capt. Stephen Pankey, & Capt. Bernard Markham, & thinks that during that year he was on service not less than nine months, including the tours before specified.

That he was born in the County of Chesterfield and state of Virginia on the 7th day of February 1760, as he has always been informed, that his age is recorded in a book which has been carried away; and he has always resided in the same county and neighbourhood, that he never received any written discharge and has no documentary evidence of his service, but that there are witnesses now living in this County who can testify as to some of his tours & that he never served with any regular Troops, or under any Regular officers except as he has above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John X Condrey's mark [Aaron Haskins (pension application S18437) and William Walthall (S6324) certified several of Condrey's tours.]

State of Virginia,

Chesterfield County, Sc.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in the County & State aforesaid, John Condrey, who being duly sworn, doth, on his oath, make the following statement, viz, "That from old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, viz. For nine months he served as a private in the Virginia Militia in the United States service in the Revolution, & for such service he claims a pension, (nine months,) That he could mention the names of many persons in this county who are acquainted with him, & who could testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the Revolution, but supposes it will be sufficient to specify Major Wm. Goode & Capt. Edmond Lockett, who have been high sheriffs of this county & James & Richard Elam Esquires, the former of whom has several times been a Delegate to the General Assembly – the latter has been for many years Commissioner of the Revenue for the same."

Subscribed & sworn to before me the 4th of December 1832. William Goode Jr J.P.

I, Aaron Haskins, a resident of the County of Chesterfield & State of Virginia, aged seventy five years, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Condrey who has made the above statement, & have known him for [blank] years, and I do personally know that he served a tour of not less than three months, as well as I can recollect, in Captain Moseley's company of militia, chiefly down below Petersburg, & that he was at the Battle of Petersburg. And that he also served another tour of upwards of two months in Captain Francis Markham's company, and was at the siege of York, as he has represented in his declaration made before the County Court of Chesterfield on the 14th of August last. I served with the said Condrey in both those tours, and I acted as Sergeant to both the said Companies, and recollect him most distinctly, as we went together from the same neighbourhood & were previously acquainted, and his name is on the original muster roll of the latter company now in my possession [http://revwarapps.org/b134.pdf]. I have also understood & do not doubt & have never heard it doubted, that he served other tours in the militia during the Revolution, & I believe him to be seventy two years of age.