

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Consolver X165 Va9

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No Papers

April 14, 1838

[private addressee]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter and which you request the A revolutionary War records of John, Martin and Micajah Consolver, Consolvo, Consolvent, Consalver, Kinsolving, etc., also, of others with that surname.

The Revolutionary War records do not show that they claim for a pension was made based upon the service in that war of a Martin or Micajah Consolver, nor of any other soldier with that surname except John, cited in your letter. The name has been searched under all spellings including that of your own name.

In the Report of the Secretary of War, printed in 1835, in regard to the pension establishment, the name John Consoluer is born on a list of Invalid Pensioners who have been in receipt of pensions of the Virginia Agency, but whose places of residence could not be ascertained the cause of the destruction of papers when the public buildings were burned in 1814.

That report shows that John Consoluer served as a private and was granted a pension of \$60 per round from September 4, 1789, which was for disability incurred during his service in the Revolutionary War. A reference in this office shows that this pensioner died prior to March 4, 1810, and that his name was John Consolver. This office has no further information in regard to that soldier because of the laws of the papers in the claim, as stated above.

It is regretted, indeed, that reply could not have been made sooner.

Very truly yours

A. D. Miller

Executive Assistant to the Administrator

[the following document appears in the pension file of [William T. Gaulden \(Gaulding\) W7509](#), at page 52 of the Fold3.com digital images of Gaulden's file:]

An act to increase the pension of John Consolver and for other purposes. Past January the 16th 1798.

Whereas it appears to the present General Assembly, that the pension allowed to John Consolver, a soldier who lost both his arms, and was otherwise severely wounded at Buford's defeat [Battle

of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] during the late war, is inadequate to his support,
Section 1. Be it enacted, That in lieu of the pension now allowed to him, he shall be entitled to receive \$80 yearly, during his life, payable in like manner and proportion, and at the same period for other pensions.

Sec. 2 And be it further enacted, That William T. Gaulding who also was a soldier in the late war and so wounded at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] as now to be incapable of supporting himself by labor, shall be, and he is hereby placed upon the list of pensioners, and allowed during his life, at and after the rate of \$40 per annum payable in like manner as other pensions.

Sec. 3 This act shall commence and be in force from the passing thereof

Auditors Office March 16, 1833

I certify the above to be a true copy of the act passed and a session of the Legislature of Virginia killed in 1797 – '98 -- and that William T. Goulding [sic] therein constituted a Pensioner as an invalid soldier of the revolution still continues as such on the books of this office.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 16 March 1833

S/ Jas E. Heath, A P A

[Peter Bailey S21618](#) also makes reference in his pension papers to serving with Consolver, who lost both arms at Buford's defeat.

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 77-page file

[p 2]

This May Certifie that the Bearer John Consolver Engaged the 25 of April 1779 to serve Eighteen Months, & Served from the above mentioned time in my Regiment until my defeat the 29 May 1780 where he was wounded – he the said Consolver has received no pay with my knowledge for any time since the last of December 1779. Given under my hand at Richmond September 8, 1783

S/ A. Buford Colo. [Abraham Buford]

[Copy]

N. B. above soldier received a Certificate for depreciation of pay 229 May 1780 & since that period has received £24 per annum (being full pay) as a pensioner

S/ B. Stark

[p 3]

I do hereby Certify that the within John Consolver was a Soldier in the Continental Army, and received the wound which totally disabled him from military Duty or from Obtaining a livelihood by labor, in the service of the United States.

Given under my hand this 23rd February 1786

S/ James Wood, Late BG

I do hereby certify that the within John Consolver was a soldier
in the Continental Army and received the wounds which totally disabled
him from Military Duty or from Performing any service by Labor in
the Service of the United States

Given under my hand this 23^d Feb. 1786

James Wood. Secy. B. G.

[p 4]

I do, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify that John Consolver, about 27 years of age, late a Private in Buford's detachment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the Continent as to entitle him to the sum of Eighteen Pounds yearly which allowance is accordingly made him to commence from the 1st day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 23rd day of February 1786.

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry, Governor]

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February - - - 1786

P. Henry

[Note: Most of the documents in this file relate to the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension paid to the veteran through March 20, 1809.]

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of Assembly.

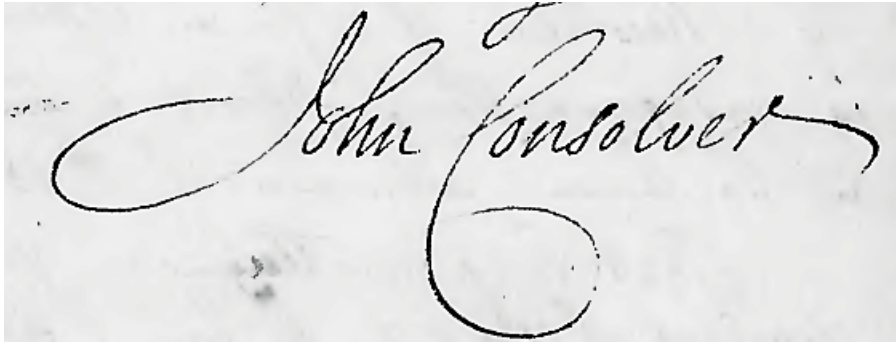
The petition of John Consolver Sheweth.

That in the service as a Soldier in the American War with Great Britain he lost an arm and an hand, that renders him unable to support himself by labor – That by a Resolution of a former Assembly, he was in consequence thereof placed on the Pension list at the Annual allowance of £18 per annum.

That being now [indecipherable word]¹ in years, totally deprived of strength, he cannot obtain a subsistence from the support allowed him. – That he served the entire War through, and conceives he is entitled to an Additional Bounty of Land under the Act of October 1780 of 100 Acres and a Negro between the Ages of ten and thirty years or 60 pounds in Gold horse Silver in lieu thereof.

Therefore solicit your Honors to allow him an augmentation of Pension (his situation being singular) and such other relief under the Law aforesaid, as he is entitled to & he will Pray

S/ John Consolver

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "John Consolver" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a long, decorative flourish at the end.

[Reverse]

Consolver's Petition

December 16th 97

Claims

such part as prays for an augmentation of his Pension – Reasonable –

The other part rejected

reported

¹ *Thayer*