

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Conrod (Conrad, Coonrod) Peterson W10226

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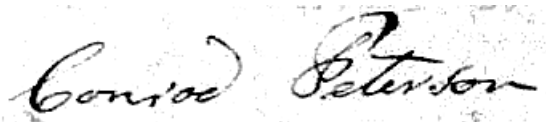
State of Ohio Wayne County: SS

On the 21st day of November A.D. 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Wayne personally appeared Conrod Peterson aged fifty-eight years last September resident in the County of Wayne aforesaid who being by me 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 the said Conrod Peterson enlisted in Sommerset County [Somerset County] in the State of New Jersey in the month of February A.D. 1779 and a Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Michael Randolph of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Course Harry" Lee] that he continued to serve in said Company for about nine months when he was transferred to a Company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Randolph – that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the month of February 1782 when he was honorably discharged from the service on the Pedee River in the State of South Carolina by Colonel Henry Lee – that he was in the battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], at the battle of Camden [probably the second battle of Camden otherwise known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that having lost his discharge he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above

S/ C. L. Smith, Associate Judge

S/ Conrod Peterson



[f p. 17]

State of Ohio Wayne County: SS: Court of Common Pleas for said Wayne County September Term 1820 –

On the 27th day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for said County, Conrod Peterson, age sixty years and eleven months, resident in Franklin Township in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, that he the said Pearson served

eighteen months beginning to the best of his recollection in August A.D. 1777, and ending February A.D. 1779 under Captain John Gibson in the in the third Company of the 16th Virginia Regiment, that he served three years beginning in February A.D. 1779 and ending in February A.D. 1782 under Michael Randolph Captain in the 1st company of the Virginia line under the command of Colonel Henry Lee, that he served in the Navy from February A.D. 1782 till the close of the war under Captain Barney¹ in the *Hyder Alle [Hyder Ally or Ali]* and the Ship *Washington*,² that his original declaration is dated November the 21st A.D. 1818, that he has received a Pension, and that his Pension Certificate is dated May 21, A.D. 1819, And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” 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

¹ BARNEY, JOSHUA

MD/(P/A)

First Lieutenant, Continental Navy

Commander, Pennsylvania Privateers

Joshua Barney was born on 6 July 1759, one of fourteen children of William and Frances Barney of Patapsco Neck, Maryland. [Smith, Marines, 430] He was [Acting Second Lieutenant] on the Continental Navy Schooner *Wasp* from about 7 April 1776 to about 10 May 1776, when he was ordered aboard the Continental Navy Sloop *Sachem* (Captan ISIAH ROBINSON) at Philadelphia to oversee her outfit. Barney was commissioned as First Lieutenant sometime in June 1776. He was aboard the *Sachem* during her action with the British Privateer Brig *Three Friends* on 12 August 1776. On 20 September 1776 he transferred to the Continental Navy Brig *Andrew Doria* with Captain Robinson. Barney was ranked 13th on the Lieutenant's List of 12 October 1776. [xx] Barney was later captured and spent five months on a British prison ship in New York harbor before being exchanged. [NOAR, 16] On 26 July 1780 a letter from Joshua Barney was read in Congress, reviewing his career in the Continental Navy and requesting that his rank be fixed and his pay determined. Barney's request was, in essence, not to be reduced in pay by being transferred from a vessel of over twenty guns to one of less than twenty guns (there being a pay differential). The letter was referred to the Board of Admiralty. [NRAR, 153] The Board of Admiralty reported on 1 August 1780, recommending that any officer serving on a ship of war of twenty guns or more not be reduced in pay by reason of service on a smaller boat. Congress accepted this report on 7 August. [NRAR, 154] After being captured and exchanged a second time he was commissioned as commander of the Maryland Privateer Brig *Ponoma*. He was captured a third time by HM Frigate *Rosebud*. On 16 January 1781 he was imprisoned in Mill Prison. Barney escaped, was recaptured, and escaped again on 18 May 1781. [NOAR, 16] On 2 April 1782 Barney was appointed to command the famous Pennsylvania Privateer Ship *Hyder Ally*, sixteen guns and 100 men. [NRAR, 348] On 2 April 1782, in a notable fight, he captured the British ship *General Monk*. [NOAR, 16] On 27 April 1782, Barney was appointed as commander of the Pennsylvania Privateer Ship [unknown], with eighteen guns and a crew of 120 men. [NRAR, 227] The *General Monk* was taken into the Continental Navy as the *General Washington*, with Barney as lieutenant commanding. [NOAR, 16] He remained with her until she was sold out of service in 1784. On 6 March 1784, in a letter to Thomas Mifflin, President of the Continental Congress, Barney requested promotion from Lieutenant to Captain. [NRAR, 202]

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² *Washington*.

Paullin:394, ship of the Continental Navy, 1782. Barnes: xxxi, probably the former *General Monk*, captured by Capt. Barney in the *Hyder-Ally*, then purchased and refitted as a Continental packet, Sep 1782. Capt. John Paul Jones, agent to pay wages and prize money to French participants, sailed in this vessel to France 10 Nov 1783. Lt Joshua Barney, as agent for the Navy, sold the packet at Baltimore in the summer of 1784.

<http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20W.html>

annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

1 Red Cow	10.00	3. Oxen	5.00
1 two year Old Heifer	5.00	4 Grubbing hoe	2.00
1 do do do	5.00	1 broad hoe	.75
1 half six months Old	1.50	1 Hand saw	1.75
10. Head of Hogs ready to shew	4.50	1. Horse collar	1.00
1 Ox Chain	2.00	1. lot of old Iron	3.50
1 Small plough	6.00	1 Old horse with the glanders	2.00
5. Head of Sheep	5.00	1. Saddle & bridle	3.00
1 Rible gun	8.00	1. hickory	2.00
1 Chest with two drawers	5.00	1. Small pot	1.50
7 Table	3.00	1. Iron kettle & small skillet	1.50 1/2
1 Old loom & tackle	10.00	1. Smoothing Iron	.44
Various furniture	4.50	2. Old Chip bottom Chairs	.75
2 Small wheels & 1 Reel	6.00	1. wash tub	.50
One old tin Yellow Kettle	2.00	1. half bushel Measure	.50
Am & Tackles to opposite Side	\$ 5.58		
			24.56 1/2
			85.58
			Total Amount \$ 171.14 1/2

Conrod Peterson

The said Peterson would state that he is a farmer, that from infirmity of body he is not able regularly to labor at his occupation, he has a wife of the age of 54 & of feeble health, he has 2 daughters residing with him one Charity of the age of 17 and the other Sarah of the age of 15, by their own labor principally supporting themselves, from the above representation the said Peterson hopes for a continuance of his having born arms all the war of the revolution, and received wounds in the service of his Country, he trust that he will not now be neglected when from age and infirmity he is unable to support himself.

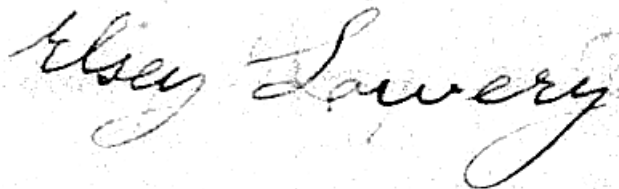
S/ Conrod Peterson

[f p. 12: On November 12, 1849 in the Wabash County Indiana, Mary Peterson, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Conrod Peterson, a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that she believes that her husband entered the service about 1777 as a substitute for one Henry Peterson from Culpepper County Virginia for 6 months at the end of which time he enlisted in the regular Army for 3 years at the end of which time he reenlisted until the close of the war; that her husband died in Knox County of Ohio in 1847; that she was married to him February 15, 1785. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 6: partial family record: "Marriages: Conrod Peterson and Mary was married February 15,

1785."]

[f p. 14: On September 7, 1852 in Wabash County Indiana, Mrs. Elsey Lowery of Laketon in Wabash County, Indiana filed an application stating that she is the daughter and child of Mrs. Mary Peterson, widow of ___ Peterson³, a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she believes her mother's application for a pension should be allowed.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 21, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July one, 1848 and ending October 11, 1851.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[I think the certificate below reads in part:

I certify that Conrad Peterson

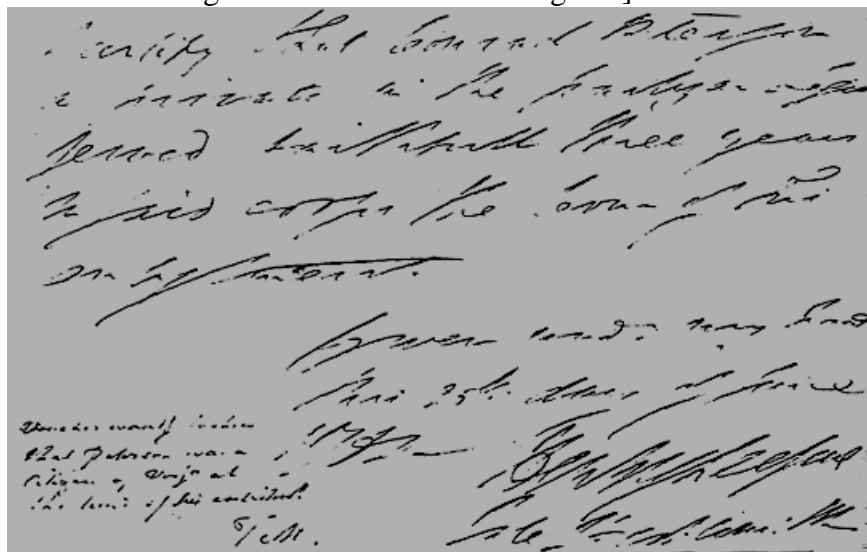
a private in the partizan Legion [?]

Served [? ?] three years

in said corps the [?] of his

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—the signature of the affiant is illegible.]



I certify that Conrad Peterson
a private in the partizan legion
served said corps three years
in said corps the [?] of his
[? ?]

Given under my hand
this 25th day of June
1852
[Illegible signature]
State of Virginia: M

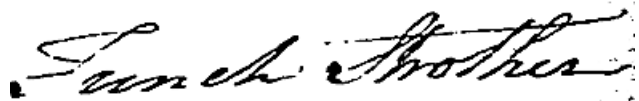
Considered worthy to be
that Peterson was a
Citizen of Virginia at
the time of his enlistment.

I do Certify that Conrod Peterson was a
Citizen of the State of Virginia when
he enlisted in the 10th Virg.a Regiment

³ In another document in this file, Elsey Lowery identifies herself as the child of Conrod and Mary Peterson.

for 12 months; I have reason to
believe before the expiration of that
term of Service he reenlisted in the
Corps commanded by Lt. Col. Lee
May 28, 1784

S/ French Strother

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "French Strother". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Strother".