

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Conner W3659

Sarah Conner

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### State of Indiana Jefferson County

On this 14th day of February 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probates, for the County of Jefferson aforesaid now sitting, John Conner 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: Served as a militia man under General John Hamilton, Colonel William Calhoun and Captain John McDowel or McAdoo [John McAdow]. Entered the service on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1775 and left the same in the year 1783 two years after battle of Guilford Courthouse <sup>was within three quarters of a mile of Battle</sup> when fought, with Light Infantry Company. Served six full years in a Compass of time of a little over seven years, as follows

First term was drafted for a three months term of service. Marched from Guilford County (my place of residence) in North Carolina to Pedee and Santee rivers in South Carolina, thence back to Guilford County to complete which tour it occupied a space of time of six months & includes a second term of service of three months.

Third term of service 12 months. Left Guilford County, marched through Salisbury, thence through Salem, crossed the Catawba River, thence crossed Broad River, thence to Savannah River in Georgia, thence to Guilford County, same route back.

Fourth term for 12 months. Father hired one William High as a substitute, don't know when he marched, was killed during expedition <sup>then got a furlough 12 months</sup>.

Fifth Term of Service was 12 months, being drafted, hired John Bull as substitute.

Sixth term for six months, went same route as before – same services

7th term. Three months. Went after Tories upon Pedee & Santee rivers, thence to Wilmington, thence up to Cross Creek, thence through Caswell back to Guilford County.

Always marched from Guilford County, and was always drafted. Was in battle in which Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] in no other except slight skirmishes. From failure of recollection can state nothing more in regard to my Regiment & Company in which I served and nothing of other officers belonging to same. Had two discharges signed by my officers, don't recollect by whom, their names I have forgotten, these discharges together with furloughs & other papers were consumed in my son's house by fire five years ago, have therefore no documentary evidence of my services and know of no person whose testimony he can be procured to testify to & prove services.

Was born in Philadelphia on 2nd Street, moved to Guilford County North Carolina when

thirteen or fourteen years of age, where I have resided until came to state of Indiana and fall of 1831.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any cat state whatever.

S/ John Conner



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 14th day of February 1834

S/ R. C. Tabott, Clk

[David Cummins & Lyman Lathrop gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Jefferson County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson & State aforesaid John Conner who being duly sworn depose and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below as a militia man. For four years, I served as a drafted militia man, under Colonel William Calhoun and Captain John McDowa [sic, John McAdow] who are the only officers I recollect (excepting General Hamilton). I verily believe that my third term of service lasted for a period of 12 months, during which time I marched as follows: left Guilford County, marched through Salisbury, thence through Salem, crossed the Catawba River, thence crossed Broad River, thence to Savannah River in Georgia, thence same route back to Guilford County (as in declaration stated) at no other time do I recollect of serving for a longer Tour of service than six months, leading out of the computation the service of William High and John Bull who served as substitute, nor can I now specify with more precision, or give any fuller account of my services than I have done. The names of other officers than those above mentioned are entirely forgotten, under these I performed all the service I alleged to have performed. I recollect of no change of officers during all my engagements and terms of service believes none took place, have now no papers to make reference to and refresh my memory my discharges and furloughs were burned in my son's house five years ago. I know of no living witness by whom I can prove my service, was always with a Corps called into service by competent authority, that for the term during which my said service was performed I followed no civil pursuit whatever, always I served in capacity of a private, for which I claim a pension and further saith not.

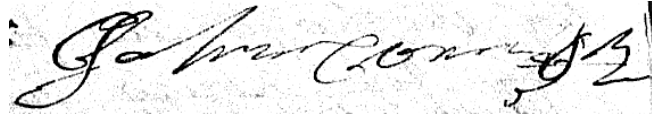
S/ John Conner

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John Conner Junior of lawful age being first sworn deposes and says, that about six years ago John Conner (my Father) delivered to me for safekeeping all his papers and documents that amongst these I have noticed papers pertaining to his military service. I recollect a discharge (and believe there were more than one) but recollect very little of its content or those of any of the papers given me in charge: by whom this discharge was signed I cannot recollect. That one year thereafter my house was consumed by fire, these papers being in it were also consumed. I took but little notice of these papers can therefore tell little of their contents. I am certain there were one or more discharges among them, from a [indecipherable word] perusal of which and

from declarations of my father I verily believe he performed the alleged service & further saith not.

S/ John Conner Jr

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Conner Jr", enclosed within a rectangular border. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[p 8: On November 8, 1851 in Jefferson County Indiana, Sarah Connor, 81, a resident of Milton Township in Jefferson County made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Conner, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in January 1793; that he died May 25, 1847; that she is infirm growing out of chronic rheumatism and unable to attend court to give this testimony. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Sarah Knight in January 1793 in Rockingham County North Carolina; widow died August 16, 1855; the couple had a son named John Conner, Junior who was living in Jefferson County Indiana in 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year and nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]