

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Connor Dowd W3664

Hannah

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State of Ohio it seems County: On this 2nd day of April, 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting, Connor Dowd a resident of Brown Township in the County of Athens aforesaid, aged seventy-six 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 in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

1 & 2 But that he was born in Ireland October 18, 1757 and came to America at the age of 6 years, landed at Philadelphia and removed to Chatham County North Carolina. That he has a record of his age company from his father's family Bible into an old book called *Buchan's Family Physician*.

3. That he was living on Deep River, Chatham County, North Carolina, at the time he was called into service, and continued to reside there for some time after the war, when he removed into the State of Ohio, where he has now resided 32 years mostly in Elk Township Athens County aforesaid.

4 & 5 That he was called into the service of the United States first by a draft for three months in the winter of 1779 -- 80, in a company commanded by Captain Patrick Travis and served the said term of three months commencing before Christmas, but the precise date of the month he cannot now recollect, and was honorably discharged in the ensuing month of March, having been employed mostly within said County and guarding against and oppressing the Tories.

That in the spring of 1780 he engaged as a substitute for one Edward Hodge in a company of Light Horse commanded by Captain Tavernier Mash and served as a substitute for the said Edward Hodge the space of 6 weeks, that he then engaged for 3 weeks as a substitute in the same company for one John Brushy, that during the said terms of 6 & 3 weeks he found his own horse, that this company was principally employed against the Tories in his own & the adjoining counties.

That in September 1781 he was again drafted for three months in a Light horse company commanded by Captain Joseph Rosser, Colonel Rogers Griffith's Regiment, General Ambrose Ramsey's Brigade; at the expiration of which time he volunteered in a Light horse Company commanded by Captain William Gholson in the same Regiment and Brigade for another term of three months which he also served out principally as before employed against the Tories, and was honorably discharged in the month of February 1782. That he recollects particularly at one

time marching into the lower part of North Carolina to meet the British but they soon retired to Camden, that he remembers Captain Thomas White who raised a company of in the Continental Army and marched to the northward where he served under General Washington till taken sick, when he returned home to North Carolina where he died, and his brother James White drew his bounty lands near Nashville Tennessee, that he remembers also Major Sharp of the same County who was a Continental officer, that he remembers seeing the Maryland line on their march to South Carolina in 1780 under General Gates, that said line stayed 18 days in the same neighborhood and of the picket guards being posted at his father's house.

6. That he received a discharge from his officers for his several terms of service, but they have become lost or mislaid, and he has no documentary evidence of his services, that he knows of no person now living except Mrs. Jane Brower, who knew him while in the service, whose testimony he could obtain -- That he is known to Reverend James Culbertson, Mr. Thaddeus Fuller, John Brewer, Esq. Pearly Brown Esq., & others in his neighborhood who could testify as to his character and their belief of his services.

That he served as he verily believes as he has stated in all not less than 11 months for which time he asked a pension.

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 State or territory.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Bartlett

S/ Conner Dowd

[Thaddeus Fuller & Warcham Gibbs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Jane Brower do solemnly swear that I saw Conner Dowd under arms under Captain Rosser and Captain Gollson.

S/ June Brewer [sic]

sworn to and subscribed before me the 28th day of March 1834

S/ John Brewer, JP in and for Athens County

[fn p. 12: on February 28, 1851 in Vinton County Ohio, Hannah Dowd filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Conner Dowd; that she married him February 28, 1799 in Chatham County North Carolina; that they were married by Sherrod White a minister of the gospel; that she has no record evidence of her marriage; that there are now living seven of their children, namely Alexander aged 51, Owen aged 48, William aged 45, Charles aged 41, Conner aged 38, Hannah Vanderford aged 34 and John aged 33; that her husband died in Athens County now Vinton on March 31, 1839; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 14: on August 1, 1851 in Vinton County, Ohio, Alexander M. Graves, 77, gave testimony regarding the marriage of Hannah to Conner Dowd, a soldier of the revolution; that he was present at the wedding and saw Hannah Graves Mary Conner Dowd in Chatham County North Carolina some time in the year 1798; that he Alexander M. Graves moved from Chatham County in 1800 and is positive the marriage took place prior to that date; that Hannah and Conner Dowd lived together as husband and wife until his death in March 1839.]

[fn p. 8: on August 1, 1855, in La Porte County Indiana, Hannah Dowd, 78, filed a claim saying she is the widow of Connor Dowd; that she married him February 28, 1799; that they were

married by Sharrod White, a Baptist minister; that her name before her marriage was Hannah Greave; that her husband died in the town of McArthur in Vinton County Ohio March 31, 1839; that they were married in Chatham County North Carolina; that her marriage was proven at the time she filed for her pension as a widow by the testimony of one Alexander Greave who has since died; that she has no way of now proving her marriage except by the family record In the family Bible.]

[fn p. 10: on August 1, 1855 in La Porte County Indiana, Jacob Herrold, of legal age, gave proof as to the family record copied from the family Bible of Connor Dowd as follows: "Conner Dowd was born unto Owen & Judah Dowd October the 18th 1757. Hannah Greave was born unto William & Amy Greave February the 28th 1777. Conner Dowd & Hannah Greave was married February the 28th 1799.]

[fn p. 57: on February 28, 1852 in Vinton County Ohio, Solomon Redfearn gave testimony as to Hannah and Conner Dowd living together as man and wife; he states that her name was Hannah Graves; that he, Solomon, formerly lived in Randolph County North Carolina near neighbor to Conner and Hannah in Chatham County North Carolina; that he was not present at their wedding but knew that they were regarded as husband and wife; that he thinks Conner and Hannah moved to Ohio in 1804 at which time they had two or three children; that he, Solomon, moved to Ohio in 1809 and settled as a neighbor of Conner and Hannah Dowd; that Conner and Hannah had nine or 10 children.]

[fn p. 77: on January seven, 1852 in Vinton County Ohio, John Brewer, 61, gave testimony regarding the fact that Conner and Hannah Dowd lived together as man and wife; he states that he was born in Chatham County North Carolina where he lived until he was 13 years old.]

[veteran pensioned at the rate of \$43.32/year]