

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Congleton W4930 Mary Congleton PA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } Ss.
County of Brooke }

On this twenty eighth day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the court of said county, now sitting, Major Moses Congleton, a resident of the said county and state, aged sixty nine years past, 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.

In the County of Northumberland in the State of Pennsylvania, on the first day of December, in the year 1776, declarant, with the approbation of his father, being then a little more than thirteen years of age, volunteered his services, as a musician in the company commanded by Captain John Hays, in the battalion commanded by Major James Boyd, in Lieut. Col. John Liggets Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia. We marched from Northampton on the 2nd day of December 1776 to Philadelphia; thence to Trenton in New Jersey, and on the 2nd day of January 1777 was in the battle at that place [sic: 26 Dec 1776], and on the night of that day [2 Jan 1777] was detailed in company with William Moffit, to repair the fires and keep them burning, with a view to deceive the enemy, whilst the American army withdrew towards Princetown. on the morning of the 3rd [day of the battle of Princeton] was taken by Col. Penrose to Crosswicks, where we joined Genl. [Israel] Putnam's Brigade, from thence marched to Morristown, being Headquarters at which place we remained until the last of March 1777, when we were discharged; having served on this tour, as a Musician, four months.

Another call for Militia was made by government, and on the first day of July 1777 declarant (with the approbation of his father) volunteered his service as a Musician in the company commanded by Captain John Shriver, Major James Boyd's Battalion and Colonel Stephen Ballet's [sic: Stephen Balliet's] Regiment of Northampton County Militia. We marched to Brandywine, near Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, being there unwell, and unfit for field duty, was, on the evening of the tenth of September 1777 detailed to aid in taking care of the Hospital; was thence marched to Philadelphia and thence to Bethlehem [sic: Bethlehem], in Northampton county, where declarant remained until the expiration of his service, having served, as a musician, Three months, and was discharged on or about the first day of October 1777 by Doct'r. Bond, chief Surgeon at the Hospital.

On my return home (having but six miles to travel) on or about the first day of October 1777, another call having been made for militia, Declarant found the troops nearly ready to march, and the commanding Officer of the company not being able to procure a Drummer, prevailed on declarants father, to permit declarant to accompany the troops, then about to march, when declarant volunteered his service, as a musician, in Captain George Cramer's company, the brave Major Boyds Battalion of Col. Traxeler's Regiment, Northampton county Militia, On the 5th day of October 1777 we marched, and joined the American camp, at Whitmarsh, in Philadelphia County, where we remained on the lines to about the 5th day of January 1778, where we were discharged by Col. Traxellor, having served, on this tour, as a volunteer musician, three months.

In the month of January 1778, another draft of Militia was made; Capt. James Lattimore was detailed to command the company, and being a relative of mine, and having no musician, he prevailed with my father to let me accompany him, as a Drummer, and I readily consented, have become much attached to a Soldier's life. On or about the first day of February 1778 we marched from northampton county to Quakertown, in Philadelphia county, and remained on the Enemys lines during the winter, with a view to prevent the enemy foraging, as well as to prevent the inhabitants from going to the enemy's camp to market. On or about the first day of May we were discharged by order of Genl. Patton there

being no field officers taken from our part of the country; we were attached to a Regiment from Berks county, Penna. and the names of the field Officers Declarant cannot now recollect, they being strangers. In this tour of duty Declarant served, as a volunteer Musician, Three months.

When General Sullivan in the year 1779 [John Sullivan beginning 19 Jun 1779] marched against the Six Nations of Indians, a Class of Militia was called on to guard the public stores collected at Easttown [Easton], in Northampton County; and on the first day of June 1779 Declarant volunteered his services as a Musician in Captain John Ralston's company of Northampton County Militia. The militia troops were under the direction of the Officers of the Regular Army, who were left to take care of the public stores, and by them Declarant, and the company to which he belonged, were discharge, on or about the first day of September 1779. Declarant, at present thinks, that Capt. Pittegrewe, of the regular army, was in command, at that time and place. Declarant served, in this last mentioned tour, as a volunteer musician Three months, and was discharged by capt. Pettigrew

In the latter part of the Summer of the year 1779, when Brandt [Chief Joseph Brant], one of leaders of the Indians and Tories made an attack on the Minnisinks settlement [sic: Minisink in the Delaware River Valley], a class of Northampton Militia was called to support that neighbourhood, when Captain Joseph Brown was detailed to command the company, and after obtaining permission from my father, I volunteered my services, as a Musician, on the first day of October 1779, we marched over the mountain into the neighbourhood of the settlement at the Minisinks; joined Colonel Jacob Stroud's Regiment of militia, and to which regiment the company to which Declarant belonged, was attached. Remained encamped at the Minisink settlement until the last day of December 1779 when declarant was discharged by Colo. Stroud; having served on this last mentioned tour of duty as a volunteer Musician, three months.

About the last of June 1780 another call for militia from northampton County, was made to go to the state of New York, when Captain Jacob Hickman was detailed to command the company. By permission of his father Declarant volunteered his services, as a Musician, and was marched from Northampton county on the 1st day of July 1780 to the state of New York; in which state, at Paramer's Mills, we joined Colo. John Vancamp's regiment of Pennsylvania, Militia, and remained at the said mills the greater part of the time towards the latter part of it, was removed to New haven, in the State of Connecticut, at which place, the regiment and Declarant was discharged, on or about the first day of October 1780 by Col. Vancamp. Having served, on this last mentioned tour of duty as a volunteer musician, Three months.

In the Spring of the year 1781 the Indians became very troublesome on the frontiers of Northampton county, and government ordered out a company of Militia to guard the frontiers of that county, when on the first day of May 1781 Declarant volunteered his services as a Musician under the command of Captain Philip Fleck, who was detailed to command the company of militia of northampton county This company was attached to the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Nichols Karnes. In this last mentioned tour of militia duty declarant served as a volunteer musician three months, and was discharged by Colonel Nichols Kearns on the first day of august in the year 1781.

Having served as above stated, Two years and one month as a Volunteer Musician, in the war of the Revolution, and for which he now claims a pension, Declarant returned home, and the war having ceased in his neighbourhood, he never again entered the service, during that war.

Interrogatories, by the court:

Question 1st Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Allen Township, Northampton County, in the then colony, now State of Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of October 1763.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age; and I know it from that kept in my father's family bible, which is, at this time, with my brother's family in the state of Indiana.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. When I went into service, I lived in Northampton county in the State of Pennsylvania, and remained there until the year 1789, when I removed to the Western Country; and in the Spring of the year 1794 I removed to Charlestown (now called Wellsburg) in the county of Brooke and State of Virginia, where I have continued to reside.

Question 4th How were you called into service &?

Answer. I volunteered my service in every instance. I was but two months over thirteen years of age, when I first entered the service, and my father, who was a true Whig and himself a soldier of the revolution, encouraged my natural disposition to be with the Army; I became a tolerable Musician, and my service was much sought for, as at that time, musicians were scarce.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was well acquainted with Col. Thomas Craig, Col. Nagal Gray [sic: Neigal Gray], Captain Charles Craig and Capt. John Craig, all regular Officers of the Continental Army; also with Genl. Irwin [possibly James Ewing], Patton, Armstrong and Lacy [sic: John Lacey], Militia Generals: I knew Genl. LaFayette, and shall never forget having often been drilled by the Baron Steuben. The circumstances of my service are detailed in the foregoing declaration.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. At the expiration of each term of service, I received a written discharge from the several Officers named in the foregoing declaration, and deposited them with my father, who is now dead, and his papers having fallen into the hands of strangers, my discharges are lost, or mislaid, so that I cannot obtain them.

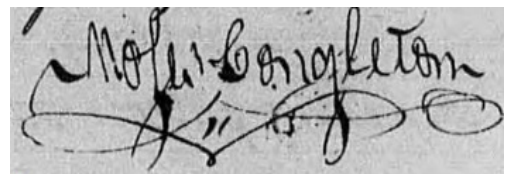
Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their beleif of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. The Rev'd. Nichols Headington, and Samuel Herdman Esqr.

That he has no documentary evidence (having lost his several discharges as stated in his answer to the Sixth Interrogatory).

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Moses Congleton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

On the same day, and before the court aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Patton, relic and widow of the late John Patton, late of the said county of Brooke, deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, on her oath, deposes and says that she well recollects, that her brother, Moses Congleton, the declarant above named, having been often from home, at the time of the revolutionary war; and always understood by the family and neighbours that he was in the revolutionary army, and that he was employed as a musician to the companies with which he went; and that this deponent was well acquainted with a number of the field officers mentioned in her brother's declaration, as they lived in the immediate neighbourhood in which she resided, in Northampton county and state of Pennsylvania.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year above written. [signed] Elizabeth Patton

Also on the same day, and before the court aforesaid, personally appeared Samuel McCarty, who being duly sworn according to law, on his oath, deposes and says that he has been well acquainted with

Major Moses Congleton of the town of Wellsburgh, in the county of Brooke and State of Virginia ever since the year 1775 That Deponent was born and raised in the same neighbourhood with said Moses and that said Deponent has frequently heard the neighbours speaking of the revolutionary war, and often of the patriotism of so young a lad, and of his being so much attached to a soldiers life, well knowing the hardships and fatigue of that War; this deponent knew of the said Moses being frequently from home about that time, and always understood and believe he was in the revolutionary war. Deponent further says that he was well acquainted with a number of the field and company Officers as mentioned in said Moses declaration, now in court; And that he has been well acquainted with the said Moses from that time until the present time, having lived within a few miles of him for the last Thirty five years.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written. [signed] Samuel McCarty

I certify that the papers in this case came to me from the applicant himself & that there is no agent employ'd in the case & further that the applicant is known to me to be a most honorable person & upright man
A. Stewart/ 17 Feby 1833

[On 18 Feb 1833 Moses Congleton was issued a certificate for \$88 per year for at least two years service as a musician.]

[US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Note – this it will be seen, is Mr. Congletons statement in his own way & in his own hand writing – Mr. C is a gentleman of standing – W G Singleton

I was born in Northampton County & State of Penna. on the 4th day of October 1763 as appears by the record of my fathers family Bible I Remained in the State of Penna. for 31 years, in April 1794 I removed to the County of Brooke in the State of Virginia has remained a citizen thereof eversince that time and will be on the 4th day of October next 72 years of Age if so long Speaired in life.

as to that part of my life spent in the service of my country as a Solder I Volenteered as a musition alongst with the whole company under the command of Captain John Hays, of Northampton County militia in Penna. we marched from Allen-township in said county on the 2^d day of December 1776 to Trentown, in New Jersey was in the Battel of Trentown on the 2^d day of Januaryy 1777. the company was placed under the Command of Colo John Sigfritt, and Major James Boyd, we marched to Crosswicks in Jersey there joined Genl. Putnams brigad from thence to Morris Town in said State Remained there in winter quarters until about the last of march 1777 when we ware Discharged by Colo Sigfritt and Capt Hays.

I remained at home until about the first of July following when a call was made for more Troopes when I again Volenteered as a Drummer with Capt. John Shriver, the Regiment was commanded by Colo Stephen Ballat, we marched from Northampton County to Wilmington in the State of Delawar. I was ordered to go with the Hospitel to Chester in Penna. on the 10th day of September the day before the Battel of Brandewine [sic: Battle of Brandywine PA, 11 Sep 1777] from thence to Philadilphia, from thence to Bethleham in Northampton County, where I remained with the Hospitel until about the first of October when I was discharged by Doct [Benjamin] Rush, or Doctor Bond, at this time I cannot say which but rather thinks to be Do'tr Bond, both the gentlemen being there at the time On my return home I found a nother call for Troopes was made by government the weare nearley Ready to march under the command of Capt'n George Cremer. as musitions weare not rediley to be found at this time I again Volenteered with the consent of my pearents to go with Capt Cremer, as a Drummer, the Regiment was under the Command of Colo Traxelar, of said County we joined Camp at whitemash in Philadelphia County where we remained on the enimys lines until about the first of Januaryy 1778. was again Discharged by Colo Traxelar, and the Captain, Cremer,

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Lattemore, was detailed to command the company he prevailed with my pearents to let me go with him as he could not procure a Musition I rediley complied being much attached to a Solders life, we marched to Qucker Town in the County of Philadelphia, about the first of Febuarey 1778. we remained on the Enimys lines duering the winter with a view to prevent the enemy from foreing as well as to prevent the Enemy from procuring provision from the inhabatants. on or about the first of may 1778 we wear Discharged by order of Genl. [James] Potter I believe. when I made my declaration to the war Department, I could not recolect the Conoels name My discharge haveing falen into my hand by accident since that time will show him to be Colo. George Hevener

In the year 1779 when Genl. Sullivan marched against the Six nations of Indiens a call for Troopes was made, Capt. John Ralston, was commander of the company he was Ordered to Estown in Northampton to guard the public stors at that place, we marched on or about the 1st of June 1779. I haveing Volenteered my Sarvices with Capt Ralston, as a musition, we wear under the command of Capt Pettigrew of U.S. army and Discharged by him on or about the first of September 1779 & Returnd home

In the latter part of the Sumare of 1779 when Colo Brant & Butlar [sic: John Butler] the leaders of the Tories and Indins made an attack on the Minisink Settelment a call was made for Troops to guard that Settelment when Capt. Joseph Brown was detailed for that command I again at his request to my pearants, Volenteerd my service we marched about the 1st of October 1779 over the Blue mountain, joined Colo Jacob Strouds Regiment of militia and remained in camp until on or about the last of December following then Discharged by Colo Stroud and Returned home

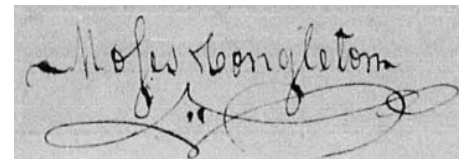
In June 1780 a call was made for men when Capt Jacob Hickman was detailed to command the company I again Volenteerd with the consent of my pearants as a Musition I think we marched about the first of July 1780 and joined Colo John Vancamps Regiment of Militia at Parames Mills in the State of New York. I was sent on command to Newheaven In the State of Connecticute where I was discharged on or about the 1st of October 1780.

In the Spring of the year 1781 the Indiens became verrey troublersom on the fronteers of Northampton County Penna. in may 1781 a company of Militia was ordered out as well as I recolect by Colo. Wagoner, County Lieutenant, Capt. Philip Flack, Commanded the Company he applyed to my parants for me I complied and went as Drummer, we marched about the the first of may we marched the natur of the sarvice required expedition, Joined Colonel Nicholas Karns' Regiment and again Discharged some time in August 1781.

I was aquented by sight with the following officars of U.S. arney, Viz. his Excelency Gen'l. Washington Genl. De Lifiatt, Gen Weane, & Genl Putnum, Colo Thomas Crage Colo Nedgel Gray, Capt Charls Crage, Capt John Crage, both of the Cavalry, of the Militia Gen'l. Irwin Gen'l. Pottor Gen'l. Armstrong, & Gen'l. Lacey.

I wish to correct a statement in my former Declaration to the ware Department as respects my discharged, I was at that time under the imprision that my Discharges weare all distroyed by the Adminstrators of my Brothers death in the State of Indiana, in Sarching some old peapers for other purposes I accidintly discovered two of my old Discharges which I am now able to furnish to the Department

the foregoing contains a true Statement of may Revolutionerey services the same bing in my own hand writng. given under my hand this 11th day of July 1835.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Bangleton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

to all whome it may concern these are to certify that Moses Conkelton sarved as a drummer in captain John Hays company of Volenteers from Northampton County penn'a. for the term of four monts, said company being attached to My Regiment he the said Moses is hereby honourably discharged. given under our hands at Morris town New Jersey this 30th day of March 1777.

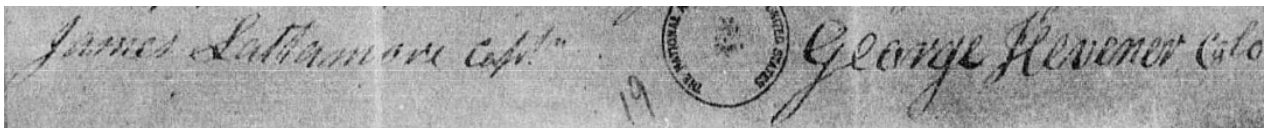
John Hays Capt'n

John Sigfritt Colo

A scan of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive: "John Hays Capt'n" on the left and "John Sigfritt Colo" on the right. Between the signatures is a circular seal with the text "THE UNITED STATES" around the perimeter and "1777" in the center.

these are to certify that moses Conkelton sarved as a drummer three months in Capt'n James Lattamors Company from Northampton county penn'a. and attached to My Regiment from Buckes county and that he is hereby honourably discharged given under our hands at camp philadelphia county this 3^d day of May 1778. James Lattamore Capt'n.

George Hevener Colo

A scan of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive: "James Lattamore Capt'n" on the left and "George Hevener Colo" on the right. Between the signatures is a circular seal with the text "THE UNITED STATES" around the perimeter and "1777" in the center.

NOTES:

On 31 Dec 1838 Mary Congleton, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Moses Congleton in Northampton County on 18 May 1788, and he died on 6 Nov 1838. Thomas Grimes, 63, certified that he was present at the marriage of his sister to Moses Congleton. Samuel McCarty stated that he was also at the wedding, which was officiated by Rev. Francis Peppard in a Presbyterian Church to which all the participants were members. Mary Congleton's application failed because she was not a widow at the time of the passage of the pension act under which she applied.

The following letter dated 3 Dec 1839 from William McCluney of Wellsburg to Congressman Lewis Steenrod refers to a successful effort to get the pension awarded by special act of Congress: "I promised to trouble you with Mrs. Congleton, the widow of the late Major Moses Congleton's application for a pension; and as true as the needle to the pole, when I threaten to impose on a friend for a favor, that friend is sure to be taxed with my importunity; and so you now find it: but, I think you will not consider it any trouble to assist the poor old lady, when informed that the husband left a reasonably good estate – but he also left two daughters, married to two unprincipled fellows that have plundered from the poor widow all they could collect, and left her nearly destitute of the means of support: the daughters are certainly relatives of those of King Lear, for they have left the Mother lamenting the days she gave them birth. unnatural children! for the father and mother toiled during life to support them, and they would now take the bed from under their widowed and aged mother. Do, my dear Sir, try to assist the old lady – you know Major Congleton's character through a long life, deserved and received respect and regard as a patriot, a Soldier and a Citizen."

On 30 Oct 1843 Mary Congleton successfully applied under a later pension act, submitting the family register in Moses Congleton's handwriting, transcribed below. A letter dated 23 Dec 1844 from C. F. Randolph of Bennington in Delaware County OH states that he was the son-in-law of Mary Congleton, and that she was living with him. On 7 April 1855 while living in Morrow County OH, Mary Congleton successfully applied for bounty land, stating that she married Moses Congleton in Bethany PA.

MARRIAGES.

Moses Congleton and Mary Grimes was Married by the Rev'd Francies Peppard, on Thursday the 18th day of May 1788.

Cornelious F Randolph and Juliana Congleton, was Married on thursday the 18th day of November 1819

by Rev'd/ Alex'r Campble.

Thomas Good and Maria Congleton was Married on Thursday the 18th day of October 1820 by the Rev'd. Alex'r Capble.

BIRTHS.

Moses Congleton was born of his pareants Wm & Mary Congleton October 4th 1763.

Mary Grimes was Born of her peareants Thomas & Margret Grimes, September 20th 1763.

Margrat Congleton first Child of Moses and Mary Congleton was born March 29th 1789.

Mary Congleton 2^d Daughter of Moses & Mary Congleton was born April 30th 1791

John Congleton first Son of Moses & Mary Congleton was Born May 31st 1793

Maria Congleton third Daughter of Moses & Mary Congleton had her Nativity on the 1 of December 1795

William Congleton 2^d Son of Moses & Mary Congleton was born on July 27th 1799.

Juliana Congleton 4th Daughter of Moses and Mary Congleton was born in July.

Thomas Grimes Congleton 3^d Son was born in Januarey 1805

Thomas & Maria Goods first Child Thomas was Born on the 17th Febuarey 1821.

Thomas & Maria Goods 2^d child Elizabeth Mary Born on the 8th of November 1823.

Thomas Goods third child Robert was born 9th of November 1826.

Thos & Maria Goods fourth child Juliana was born Febu'y 28th 1829

Thomas & Maria Goods 5th child Emley Born November 17th 1831.