

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Conway W8622

Anna Conway

VA

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State of Kentucky } Sc.

County of Nicholas }

On this 13 day of February 1834 personally appeared before me John McClintock, one of the Justices of the County Court in & for the county of Nicholas aforesaid, John Conway a resident of the said County of Nicholas & state of Kentucky, aged 75 years on the 10th day of August last, 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of April or May 1776 he entered the service as an enlisted soldier in the company commanded by Captain James Newell, and was marched to Chezels lead mines in Montgomery county [sic: lead mines at Fort Chiswell now in Wythe County] Virginia, to guard said mines against the tories and Indians, and served out the full term of six months, the period for which he was enlisted, and was honorably discharged at said mines in montgomery County Virginia

And that he again entered the service for the term of eighteen months, in the month of May 1777 as an enlisted Soldier under Captain William Buchannon [William Buchanan], Col. John Bowman, and was marched to Boonesborough [Boonesboro] in the state of Kentucky, where he served out the above term of eighteen months, guarding said Fort, during which term, the British & Indians beseiged said Fort for nine days & nights [7-16 Sep 1778], when they abandoned the siege; Colo. [Daniel] Boone was there and one of the commanders.

He further states that after his discharge at Boonesborough, he still remained in Kentucky, and in April 1779 he went with Captain Isaac Ruddle, and settled Ruddles station, on the south fork of Licking River, and continued there acting as a guard and Indian spy for Ruddles station until the 24th of June 1780 when after a severe Battle with the British & Indians, we were compelled to surrender, the British being about 300 and the Indians about 700 strong, and armed with artillery that he was marched by the British & Indians, with the other prisoners they had taken, at Ruddles & Martins Stations, to Detroit, and was kept there as a prisoner until in the fall of 1784 when he was liberated he returned to Kentucky.

And he further states that in the fall of 1787 he volunteered in the Company of Captain William McConnel in Col. Benjamin Logans Campaign against the Piqua Town of Indians, on the head of Mad River now in the state of Ohio. that they fought the Indians, defeated them, and took some prisoners and that on this campaign he served the period of 50 or 60 days

He further states that he lost his discharges when taken prisoner by the Indians, who robed him of every thing.

He states that he has not any documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any person living by whom he could prove his services, except his brother Jesse, [Jesse Conway, pension application W10674], who if living, resides in the state of Illinois

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

Questions by the Justice

Qt. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. Henrico County State of Virginia, on the tenth day of August, in the year 1758.

Qt. 2^d Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Ans. I have, in my Bible now in my house.

Qst. 3^d Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Montgomery County Virginia, when called into the service, and since the Revolutionary War I have lived the whole time in the state of Kentucky, except when I was a prisoner with the Indians at Detroit. I now live in Nicholas County state of Kentucky.

Qst 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. on the two first campaigns I considered myself enlisted I enlisted or joined Capt Newell's company the first six months and on the 2nd Campaign I enlisted in the same way under Lieuten Joseph Drake under Capt Wm Buckhannon in Col. John Bowman's Regt

Qst 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?

Ans. I know of know Regular Officers unless Col. George R Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] who was stationed at the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville] was one. I know of no Continental or Malitia Regiments except Col John Bowman's Regiment. I was marched to Kentucky as a guard to defend it from the enemy, where I was taken prisoner &c.

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

Ans. I Received a discharge the first time from Capt Newell and the second time from Capt Buckhannon and they were destroyed by the Indians when I was taken a prisoner at Ruddles Station

Qst 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your Character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans. Robert H. Kimbrough, William Barlow, Maj'r Moses Jones, John Baker Esqr. Gov'r. Thomas Metcalfe, William Cook, Rev. Charles Webb and indeed I might name every man in the neighbourhood, or County, who are acquainted with me, if it was necessary.
Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. [signed] John Conway Sen'r.

State of Kentucky Bourbon County Sct.

On this day personally appeared before me William Barton one of the Justices of the peace within and for the County of Bourbon aforesaid, Robert McDaniel aged 74 years, who being duly sworn according to law, on his Oath state that he was living in Captain Isaac Ruddle's station when it was taken by the British and Indians on the 24 day of June 1780 and was together with John Conway taken prisoners by them, and carried to Detroit, where the said Conway and himself were kept as prisoners until in the month of October 1782 when he was liberated. Subscribe and Sworn to, on the 23 day of April 1834.

Robert hisXmark McDaniel

State of Kentucky Harrison county Sct.

On this day personally appeared before me Joseph Boyd one of the Justices of the peace within and for the County of Harrison aforsaid Ann Mary Spears aged seventy two years who being duly sworn according to law, on her Oath states that she was living in Captain Isaac Ruddles station when it was taken by the British and Indians on the 24th day of June 1780 and was together with John Conway taken prisoners by them, and carried to Detroit, where the said Conway and herself were kept prisoners untill the first of June 1784 when they were liberated. Subscribed and sworn to, on the 24th day of April 1834

Ann Mary herXmark Spears

NOTE: On 1 Dec 1843 Anna Conway, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married John Conway on 15 April 1790, and he died 15 June 1837. Her son, Nathaniel Conway, stated that she had been confined to her house for the previous 10 years by blindness and infirmity. The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of John Conway and Ann Sutton on 14 April 1790 in Bourbon County KY. Further proof of the marriage was submitted in the form of the original family record transcribed below. Anna Conway was still living on 7 July 1848.

BIRTHS.

John Conway Senior was born in the year of our Lord August 10th 1758

Anna Conway was born in the year of our Lord June 24th 1766

John Conway's children's ages

Polly Conway was born in the year of our Lord March 30th 1791

Anna Conway was born in the year of our Lord July 13th 1792

William Conway was born in the year of our Lord September 4th 1793

John Conway was born in the year of our Lord November 28th 1794

Elizabeth Conway was born in the year of our Lord March the 31st 1797

Nathaniel Sutton Conway was born in year of our Lord May 28th 1798

Ann C Baker was born in the year of our Lord July 7th 1805

N. Conways Children

John William Conway was born in the year of our Lord May 26 1827

Elizabeth Ann Conway was born in the year of our Lord February 9th 1829

Washington Franklin Conway was born in the year of our Lord August the 27th 1832

Mary Susan Conway was born in the year of our Lord August the 7th 1835

MARRIAGES.

John Conway and Anna Sutton was married in the year of our Lord April the 15th 1790

Nathaniel S. Conway and Ann C. Baker was married in the year of our Lord January the 27th 1825