Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Timothy O'Conner [O'Connor] VAS318 vsl 12VA Transcribed by Will Graves 12/12/12

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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia] indexed under "Timothy O'Conner"

The bearer Timothy O'Conner enlisted in the 15th Continental Regiment belonging to this State sometime in the month of April 1777 for the term of 3 years or during the War – The said O'Connor was wounded, became a prisoner in the field of battle at Brandy Wine [Brandywine] on the 11th of September in the above year – when he was exchanged or at what period he was discharged from the service I know not – but I well know that he was a brave & faithful soldier, is properly entitled to the rewards of bounties of his Country.

S/ Jas. Innis [James Innis]

Richmond July 30, 1784

The bearer Timothy O'Conner soldier in the 5th Virginia Regiment being rendered unfit for any further service by a wound he received in the battle of Brandywine the 11th September 1777 is hereby discharged & is recommended to the State for such provision as they may have made for their maimed Soldiers. Given under my hand at Camp in Smiths Clove the 23 July 1779. S/Wm Woodford, B. Genl.

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Timothy O'Conner was awarded £24 per annum to continue during his disability by the Board of Auditors in March 1780, since which period he has not drawn any warrants. Audr's Office

17 August 86 S/ Jno. Pendleton

The above Timothy O'Conner says he is and Inhabitant of Fairfax County & is 30 years of age.

On Examination of Timothy O'Conner who says he was wounded on the 11th September 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine, find a Ball has entered a little above the left ankle that it has passed through the joint & destroyed all motion, so as to form a perfect anchylosis [ankylosis] – the Part affected is greatly enlarged in size & wears every mark of having had the bone much shattered, many parts of which he says (& I believe truly) have been taken out – & there seems still to be an appearance on the part as if it would now & then inflame & throw off small pieces of bone – being no Tradesman & only a Common Laborer, am of Opinion he is very materially Injured & deprived in a great measure from getting a livelihood & that he has a just claim to be put on the

Pension List.

S/W. Foushee August 17 1780

I do, with the advice of the Counsel, hereby certify that Timothy O'Connor of Fairfax, about 30 years of age, late a Private in the 15th Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the Service of the United States as to enable him to the sum of eight pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence on the first day of January 1786 Given under my hand at Richmond this 28th day of October 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry]

Herry

On the reexamination of Timothy O'Conner a Pensioner, find the wound on his leg still Open, the Joint useless as to motion, & the Bone appears to be caries [?]; an Expoliation of the Spongy part of the Bone is Seldom so Compleat as to admit of a perfect cure, (after having been so much Injured as this seems to be) & from the continuance of this ulcer, the appearances in the Person, & his Situation in Life, is Scarily to be expected, so as cure to enable him to Obtain a Support by hard Labour only—at present, his disability is very considerable & in all probability will increase.

S/W. Foushee Jan. 19th 1788

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia] indexed under "Timothy O'Connor"

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