Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Isaac Conner S10465 fn15NC
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Pendleton County

On this 25th day of December 1832 personally appeared before me John Forsythe a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Isaac Conner resident in said County of Pendleton aged about 75 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service as a Substitute for George Purvis in the year 1778 in the month of July as well as he now recollects for a tour of six months in the militia of North Carolina in the County of Rutherford under Captain _____ Burney, the name of the Lieutenant not recollected, the Major was William Bailey, Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] commanded the Regiment, during this tour he was in no battles, he was in a skirmish at Hog's Mills [sic, Hogg's Mill?], he thinks in Union County South Carolina, he served in this tour some days upwards of six months & was discharged, he does not now recollect at what place.

He next volunteered in the year of 1779 for six months under Captain Samuel Miller in said County of Rutherford – the names of the subaltern officers not recollected, Major Joseph McDowell commanded, until we were consolidated at the battle of King's Mountain. Colonel John Campbell [sic William Campbell] then commanded, he does not recollect the month that he entered the service or the month he was discharged, but he knows he volunteered for six months & served his time out, he was during that tour of service in the Battle of King's Mountain, as well as he recollects – but from the great lapse of time & the number of different Officers he was under he may have been mistaken & he may have been under Captain Burney at King's Mountain instead of Captain Miller as he served a second tour of six months under Captain Burney.

In the year 1781 he volunteered a fresh tour of duty under Captain Samuel Miller for six months, Major Joseph McDowell commanded until we marched to the Cowpens in South Carolina. Colonel Pikens [sic, Andrew Pickens] then took the command of the Regiment – he was wounded in the right side at the Battle of the Cowpens, during this tour he served upwards of six months.

In the spring of 1782 he volunteered for eight months under Captain John Clark, the Lieutenant was Lewis Clark, Ensign not recollected, Elijah Clarke was the Colonel. He was in no action during this tour, they were engaged scouring the State of North & South Carolina. He served out the eight months – during all of which tours of duty he performed as stated above, as well as he recollects – he was with regular Troops at the King's Mountain, he thinks commanded by Colonel John Campbell [sic], also with Regular Troops at the Cowpens, commanded by General Daniel Morgan, who commanded the Army at the battle of the Cowpens – he resided in the County of Rutherford, North

Carolina at the time he volunteered in each tour of duty & continued to live there after the close of the war, until he removed to the State of Kentucky about 40 years ago & settled in big barren River, he thinks in Logan County & lived there about two years, he then removed to Lincoln County in said State & lived there something like 20 years; he then removed to Gerard County in said state & lived about one year & then removed to Pulaski County in said state and lived there about four years & then removed back to Lincoln County in said state & lived there about two years more. He then removed to Pendleton County in said state to where he now resides. -- that he has no record of his age & knows of none; that he has kept his age from what his parents & his master George Purvis (to whom he was bound as an apprentice) told him, -- he was born in the year 1757 in the town of Winchester, Frederick County State of Virginia & removed from there to Rutherford County North Carolina when about five years old, as he was informed by his parents & friends; he does not recollect whether he received a discharge for either tour of duty he served, if from either, he thinks for the tour he substituted, & if so, George Purvis got it – neither does he recollect the different counties he marched through for he was run from post to pillar, whenever they could hear of British or Tories committing depredations. He would also state that he is well acquainted with Joseph Watson, William Rule [?], Thomas W. Stern, Nimrod Colvin &c, who reside in his present neighborhood & who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the revolution. That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person that can prove his services.

He would further states that he is unable to attend court owing to bodily infirmity having to go on crutches which has been his situation for three years.

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 of the Union.

S/ Isaac Conner, X his mark

[Andrew M Keith, a clergyman, and George C Lightfoot gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]