Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lawrence Conner S35853

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[14 Sep 1818] Lawrence Connar states on oath that in or about the year 1774 he enlisted as a Soldier under Capt. [Matthew] Arbuckle, to go on an expedition against the Shawanee [sic: Shawnee] Indians, for two years, and before said two years had expired he reenlisted as a Soldier under Capt. [Andrew] Wallace, of the 8th Regiment, of the Virginia Continental State line; the aforesaid Regiment was commanded by Colo. Woods [sic: James Wood]. He further states that he served the aforesaid three years under said Colo. Woods in the revolutionary war & at the expiration of said 3 years he was honorably discharged by said Colo. Woods; that he has lost his said discharge, and is unable to find it. He further states that he now resides in Cumberland County, State of Kentucky, is sixty five years of age, very infirm in body, and from his reduced circumstances in life needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Lawrence Connar

District of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

On this 12 day of October 1820 personally appeared before us C. Daugherty W Frogg & L Stockton being three Justices of the peace in & for the county of Cumberland Kentucky (it being the number required by law to hold a Court called the county court of Cumberland County & which said court is a court of Record created by Statute & which said court in its proceedings is governed by the Rules of the common Law) Lawrence Conner, at his own house in the said County, (he being a cripple, weak & emaciated by the wounds received in the Revolutionary War and in consequence of such debility unable to attend at the courthouse in the county of Cumberland where the said court is usually held. Aged 67 years resident in the District and county aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, served under Col. Woods 12 Regt. for three years Capt Andrew Wallace same time Col [Richard] Campbell 2 Regt Capt Jewet [sic: Robert Jouett] 18 months and was in battles as follows. the first in Jarmantown [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] 2d Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] 3 Gilford [sic: Guilford Court House NC, 15 Mar 1781] 4 Campdell [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] where I was wounded 5 at Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me: Nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. Sworn to and declared before us the aforesaid Justices of the peace this 12 day of October 1820

Schedule of the property of Lawrence Conner given in an oath at the same time of the foregoing Certificate & Declaration

ToWit

two hundred acers of land

two horses 9 head of Cattle

30 head of hoges} The whole estimated at \$200

I Larrence Conner by Occupation am a farmer the names of my Children are as follows 3 daughters one of them is helpless Ester Conner 30 years of age Jinny Conner 16 years old Marget Conner 13 years old Cornelias Conner 18 years old and a farmer all the debts due me is nine dollars of any kind given from under my hand and this 12 day of October 1820

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[The following is among the pension applications in the Library of Virginia:]

I do with the advice of Council hereby Certify That Lawrence Conner aged about [blank] years, late a private in the 8th Virg'a. Regiment, & whose pay was at the rate of £24 pr annum, was wounded in the service of the United States, and that he is allowed the sum of Six Pounds yearly, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 23^d day of October 1787 Edm. Randolph

T. Meriwether

Please deliver Major Patrick Lockhart a Warrant or Warrants on the Treasurer for any Money due me as a Pensioner for being Wounded in the United States Service

Auditor of Public Accounts/ Richmond

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[Documents similar to the above were dated 28 May 1787 and 14 Nov 1789.]

A Court held for Botetourt County the 9th day of December 1788. On the Motion of Lawrence Conner a Pensioner, who, produced a Certificate from under the hand of Doctor [illegible] certifying that he is disabled by his wound, and also proved by the Oaths of Sundry Wit[nesses] that his wound broke out, and there was a Considerable discharge from the same [illegible word] the last Summer by which he was disabled from working for his family. It is therefore ord[ered] that it be certified to the Executive of this State that it is the opinion of this Court that the said Lawrence Conner's Pension ought to be raised to twelve pounds.

NOTES:

A document in the file states that Connar died March 17, 1828." The file includes the following letter:

Albany K.y./ July 6th 1841

Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] – At the request of my friend Cornelius M. Conner I will suggest that Lawrence Conner who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and who was a pensioner invalid in Botetourt County Virginia drew as he stated a pension under the Invalid Law until he left that state and removed to Cumberland County Kentucky during five or six years previous to 1818 which elapsed after his removed he drew nothing. After which he drew a pension under the act of 1818 until his death in 1826

If there is any thing due his heirs I hope you will give me information thereof Yours Respectfully/ A. A. Swope