Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Connor (Conner) S42134 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 15 Jan 2019.

[The first item below is undated and appears to be part of an original application.] In the year 1775 and 23^d year of my age I engaged as a minute man under Capt Harrison [Cuthbert Harrison VAS1415] in the town of Dumfries, Prince william County Va under his command I marched to the town of Hampton near the mouth of James River Va. Where I enlisted for two years in the Company of Capt Charles West of Louden [sic: Loudoun] County the latter end of same year in the third virginia Reg't. Commanded by Colo Marshall [Thomas Marshall R16057] – in which time West was promoted Apollos Cooper [BLWt2258-200] became Capt. Who fell at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – myself wounded and sent to hospital in princeton Jersey – when I Could travel I joined the army at whitemarsh Pensylvania, my time nearly expired I listed again for three years under Capt Briscoe or bentley [Reuben Briscoe BLWt81-300] or William Bentley S37745] I went home on furlow, Returned and joined the army at Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] went into the battle of Monmouth in the state of Jersey [28 Jun 1778] – at length obtained an honorable discharge in Philadephia State of Pensylvania from Colo Christian Phebiger [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675] – Which discharge was deposited in the Oditors office Richmond Va. where it likely is at this time) NB I served under Capts. West, Cooper, Briscoe and Bentley I do not Remember which of the two latter it was I enlisted with the second time to the best of my memory the above is a true statement – I am now in the 67th year of my age

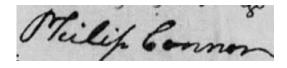
Milip Connor

State of Ohio }
Seventh Circuit }, SS.

On this thirtieth day of October 1819, before me, the subscriber, Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the said district, personally appeared Philip Connor aged sixty seven years, resident in Hamilton County in said Circuit where first declaration made, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" that he, the said Philip Connor enlisted for the term of two years in the fore part of the winter of the year 1775 in Hampton in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles West of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, the whole of the 2 years, he again enlisted about the end of the 2 years at White Marsh in Pennsylvania & Served [blank] years when he was dis[cha]rged. [one or two undeciphered words] forepart of 1780 or later part 1779 as being unable to perform duty &c at Philidelphia.

that he was in the battles of Brandywine & Monmouth, in the first mentioned battle he was wounded by a ball passing through his rist, and that on the 11th or 12th of June 1818 he made a previous declaration for the purpose for which this is made, before the Judge Collet who is now taking this declaration, which has gone now unanswered and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, he believes his discharge is in the public office, Richmond Virginia

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.



State of Indiana }

Jennings county Ss } on this 25th day of March 1828 Personally appeared in open court it being a court of record (to Wit) the Circuit Court of Jennings County and State of Indiana Phillip Conner Resident in said county and aged seventy four years who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Phillip Conner enlisted for two years in Capt West in Col Weedens [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] Reg't company of the Virginia line in the year 1776 and in 1777 in Nov. he Enlisted for three years in Capt Briscoe (Col Marshalls Reg't Company of the Virginia line and was Dischargd in 1781 after serving five years in all at Fredicksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] Virginia having rendered all these services on the Continental Establishment and that he hereby Relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension except the present and that his name is not on the Roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the Reasons for not making Earlier Application for a Pension In 1815 I lost my wife since which time I have been supported by the Hospitalty of a son with whom I have lived together with \$245 dollars which I Received for two Land certificates on each of which I had paid \$80 and not being able to compleat the payments was compelled to sell them in an unimproved state which money has Partially clothed me and now my son has a Burthensome young Family and he not very able to maintain them without me I feel it a duty I owe him to apply to Government

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and 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 an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 and by me subscribed I own one old Horse 21 years old one old saddle & Bridle in all worth \$ \$30.00 one Bed & wearing apparel I have no children to support. My Occupation was Farming but through old age sickness &c I have been unable to Labor for twelve years so as to support myself

Philip Conner

That since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property I sold the two certificates of Land above alluded to one to William Hicklin sometime about 1819 or 1820 for \$100 the other to Alfred Chandler for \$145 in 1826 which money has been expended for my support [signed] Philip Conner

Jennings County Indiana/ June 10th 1828

Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], Your communication to Mr Hendricks our Senator requiring evidence of the manner in which the money for which I sold my land has been appropriated, has been transmitted to me; and I hope to be able to render a satisfactory account. Permit me to suggest first that at the death of my wife in 1815 I had two children, both sons, one left my residence in Kentucky and went to Missouri and the other settled in this State. Having no family and being infirm I chose to live with him the remainder of my life, and what little estate I possessed I invested in certificates of entry of two tracts of land in the neighborhood of my son hoping to avail myself of the increase of price upon wild lands (which at that time appeared highly probable) and thereby acquire something for future support. Since which time several circumstances have combined unfavorable to that purchase. Public lands have been acquired by the extinguishment of Indian titles to a great amount and of far superior quality, and by subsequent acts of Congress lands have been reduced from \$2 to \$1.25 pr acre, all which rendered my prospects of gain hopeless, and I was compelled to sell my land at some price to prevent a forteiture of the

whole purchase money. I sold the same for \$245 as will appear by the affidavits of the purchasers herewith forwarded. I have not for many years been able to perform any labor, and I trust that you will not regard me as extravagant in the expenditure of that sum, when I inform you that my clothing, medicines and physicians charges and such nourishments as feebleness and old age rest upon for support have been supplied alone from that fund for eight years. I enclose certificates as far as is practicable of those who have furnished the above supplies, others have removed and deceased. Perhaps it may not be improper to remark that my son with whom I live, has but a small estate acquired by his own industry, a numerous family, and upon whose kindness I have long felt myself a burthensome charge. I hope to be pardoned for forwarding a letter of my general character, and this tedious detail, but hope that they may have the effect to remove any apprehensions that I am prosecuting my application by misrepresentation or fraud. I am Respectfully yours,

Phitip Conner

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Prince William Court House 2^d Day of July 1781.

Philip Connor of the third Virginia Regiment having produced to the Court Collonel Febeger's Certificate of the second Virginia Regiment that he had served the full term of three years in the continental army and having made oath that he has never claimed a certificate for Land before Ordered that the same be certified to the Register of the Land office that he is entitled to the land allowed by Law.

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