

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Straughan Conyers S18357

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State of South Carolina Sumter District}

Personally appeared before me Thomas Wilson one of the justices of the Quorum for the District aforesaid Straughan Conyers a resident of State and District aforesaid who being 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 of June 1832.

That he entered the service of General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade soon after the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates] near Camden in August 1780 [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and remained in service under him until the enemy evacuated Charleston [the British evacuated Charleston in mid-December, 1782] that Captain John Nelson [John Neilson] and Lieutenant McFaddier [Thomas McFadden?] were his company officers and that Colonel Richardson [Richard Richardson] and Colonel James [John James] were the field officers. That he was in the scrimmage General Marion had with Colonel Watson of the British near Cantey's plantation on Santee [River]. That he was afterward in a scrimmage General Marion had with him Watson near the lower Bridge on Black River. That he afterwards attached himself to Colonel Horry's [Lt. Col. Peter Horry's] Calvary [sic, cavalry] of horse and with [him] had several skirmishes with the British. This applicant further states that he was born in the District of Sumter South Carolina. That he now resides in said District and has lived in it ever since he was born except two years that he lived in the State of Georgia and this applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present one and that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th of October 1832

S/ Thos. Wilson, JQ

S/ Straughan Conyers, X his mark

[John Harrington, a clergyman, Robert Wilson and Robert Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit noting that they believe that the applicant was 68 years of age.]

South Carolina Sumter District

Before me Straughan Conyers an invalid now confined to his house appears, and before me Thomas Wilson a Justice of the Quorum for said district & State, makes oath, that he served as a private in the Revolution for not less than the space of 2 years – that he refers to the accompanying testimony of said Thomas Wilson who knew him in the Revolution – that he has a record of his age contained in his family Bible – that he entered the service as a Volunteered – that he never received a written discharge & that Reverend John Herrington – Robert Roberts – Robert Wilson – Thomas Wilson, all persons living in his vicinity who have testified to his

character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to before made this one August 1833

S/ Thos. Wilson, JQ

S/ Straughan Conyers, X his mark

State of South Carolina Sumter District

Before me Franklin J Moses a Justice of the Quorum for said district and State personally appeared Thomas Wilson¹ who being duly sworn, on oath says, that he personally knew the said Straughan Conyers and served with him in the Revolution as a fellow soldier, that he had personal knowledge of most of the facts contained in the preceding declaration of said Straughan Conyers.

Sworn & subscribed before me this first day of August 1833

S/ Franklin J Moses, JQ

S/ Thos Wilson



State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared before me Franklin J Moses one of the Justices of the Quorum for said district & State, Straughan Conyers, who being 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 7th of June 1832 –

That he is now in his 70th year – that his age is contained in his family Bible now in his possession. That he was born in Camden now Sumter district. That in August 1780 he entered the service as a volunteer private in the Brigade of Marion. That John Nelson was his Captain and Thomas McFaddin was his Lieutenant that Colonel Richardson & Lieutenant Colonel James were his field officers. That his tour of duty in said company commenced near the Santee River. That he was in the skirmish General Marion had with Colonel Watson at Cantey's plantation² on Santee. That he was at the taking of Scott's Lake on Santee, a Fort³ in possession of the British. That he was also on duty with Marion and his tours watching & pursuing the British. This tour of duty lasted four months. In his second term of duty, this deponent acted as a volunteer private in a troop of horse in the Regiment of Colonel Horry. Captain Daniel Conyers was his Captain. He was on duty on the River Santee under Colonel Lee [Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee] watching the Tories, & guarding the River. Thence they marched to the place called the White marsh in North Carolina watching the maneuvers of the Tories, with whom they had frequent skirmishes. This tour of duty lasted 6 months.

This deponent from defect of memory and great bodily affliction cannot be more particular in his statement – he swears however that he was fully 2 years in service.

He refers to his first declaration to show the names of the individuals in his neighborhood to whom he & his Revolutionary Services are none and to the Certificate accompanying said

¹ [Thomas Wilson S18285](#)

² This is probably a reference to the engagement between forces commanded by Marion and Watson at Wiboo Swamp on March 6, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wiboo_swamp.html It MAY, however, be a reference to the ongoing action between those forces at Black River Bridge on March 14, 1781, http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_river_bridge.html ; the action on March 20, 1781 between Marion and Watson at Sampit Bridge or a later engagement at the same location http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_sampit_bridge_2.html.

³ Fort Watson April 15-21, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

declaration and to the certificate hereto attached.

He never received any written discharge.

Sworn to before made this 10th December 1833

S/ Franklin J Moses, QU

S/ Straughan Conyers, X his mark

State of South Carolina Sumter District

Before me Franklin J Moses, a Justice of the Quorum for said district & State appeared Samuel Huggins⁴ who on oath says, that he was well acquainted with Straughan Conyers in the Revolution, & knows that the said Straughan served as a Soldier in the American Army. That said Straughan Conyers was on duty with this deponent in Marion's brigade & that they were stationed together at Santee River. This deponent on oath says, that he knew that said Straughan Conyers served as a trooper in Captain Daniel Conyers troop of horse in the Regiment of Colonel Horry. That said Straughan was also on duty with this deponent near the mouth of Black River, where they were together in a skirmish with the British.

Sworn to before me this 10th December 1833

S/ Franklin J Moses, QU

S/ Samuel Huggins



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Straughan
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1431
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No. 96

[No.] 710 [Book] Y 31st December 85 [1785]

Stran Conyers for 270 days duty as a private in general Francis Marion's Brigade from 25 August 1780 to 25th of May 1781 and charged at 1/6 Sterling per day

S/ 20.5

Add 3 days
more at 1/6

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£20.9.6

Deduct Less
the allowance
at 10/ [old SC]
Currency

19.6
£19.10

⁴ [Samuel Huggins S18044](#)

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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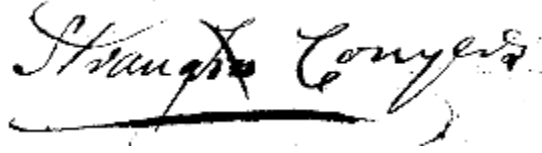
Gentlemen

Please to deliver my Indents to Mr. John Robinson and you will Much Oblige

Your Humble Servant

November 1st, 1785

S/ Stranam Conyers



The Commissioners of the Public
Treasury of the State of South Carolina

I Certify the above

S/ Jno. Dickey, JP

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Received 31st December 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 710 = Y for Stran Conyers by an Order

S/ Jno Robinson



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The Humble petition of Stran Conyers Senior

Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner During the last War, Was on constant duty in the Militia Company, Until the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] When he Ser'd [served] in the Regular Regiments in Colonel Peter Horry and Colonel White and Colonel Washington as will appear by the Acct. [Account], and at the expiration of the War when he was discharged, he left the State and Never received any compensation for his services – your Petitioner therefore Humbly prayeth that your Honorable House will in their Wisdom make Allowance for Me and I am in Very Indifferent Circumstances and Your Petitioner Will as in duty bound Will for Ever pray

WmBourgh County [Williamsburg County]

Geo, Town District [Georgetown District]

31st of October 1797

S/ Stran Conyers Senr.



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State of South Carolina to Stran Conyers Senior December 1779 to one month duty done at Sen'll [?] as a foot Soulder [soldier] In Company of foot Commanded by Capt. Benjⁿ Skriven [Benjamin Screven] Lieutenant William McCautrey [William Robert McCottry] antoney White [Anthony White] [Lt.] William Thompson [William Thomson] in Coll. Daniel Hory [Daniel Horry's] Rignent him [Regiment] of foot at 1779 and then turned out as a Horse man and went

to pueresBourgh [Purrysburg] and Continued three months as a body gard [guard] to Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] In same Company and Rigmant at and then tow [two] month Duty Don [done] at orangeburgh [Orangeburg] as foot soulder In same Company commanded by Captain Wm McCotry [William Robert McCottry] and Regment Commanded by Colonel archable McDonald [Archibald McDonald] 1779 to three mounths [months] Duty Done at Cat Island Ford Commanded Leutanant Wm Thompson and same Regment at another time to three mounths Duety [duty] Don at Island Ford and was there When Charles town fell wich [which] is 12 mounths Duety Done In the melisha [militia] wich I never received aney [any] pay for S/ Stran Conyers Snr. and same Luetenant

1780 May Joined in Colonal Whites and Colonel Washingtons Rigmants of Cavelry [cavalry] as the Master taylor [tailor] of said Rigmants, and continued as such until the divions [division] of said Rigmants at Halifax N. C. and then fell in Colonel Whites Regment on till [until] the first of August 1781, being one year and tow mounths Wich I have Never Got aney pay for S/ Stran Conyers Snr.

August 29 17 81 Joined Colonal peter Horry Regment of Cavelry In Captin Richard Gouff [Richard Gough] troops and continued In said Regment for eight months and did Duty In the same for wich I Never Got any pay

S/ Stran Conyers Snr



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the 19th of October 1799 – I do hereby Certify that the Within duty Mentioned was done in the Company in Which I had then a Command And that I do believe he never Received Any pay for Certify'd by me

S/ Wm Thomson Lieut.



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Committee on Accounts
Report
1797
9 Dec.
Cons'd [Considered ?]
1797

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No. 6

The Committee on Public Accounts to whom was referred the Petition of Stan Conyers [sic] for Duty done as a Soldier in 1779 & 1780 – also James Hopper's Petition for Duty done as a

Horseman in 1778 & 1779 – And also William Ball's Petition for a Mare lost in the service during the late War – Report, that they have investigated the same, & find that they are barred by Law.