

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Organ R16856 Rachel f44VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[f p. 8]

Putnam County SS: Personally appeared before me Harry Garrison one of the Judges of said County Cornelius Organ of the Town of Kent in said County aged 58 years who being by me first duly sworn

Declaration, Saith that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by John Brent in the 4th Virginia Regiment & in the Brigade of General Scott in the year 1776 for the Term of two years Served out my time and December 1778 I again enlisted in a Company of Horse Commanded by Captain John Herd [John Heard] of the first Troop of Colonel Millens [probably Moylan's] Regiment for three years. I was in the Battles of Brandywine 11th day of September 1777 or 78 I am not confident & I was at the Battle of German Town [Germantown] in October 4th of the same year I served my time out and was Honorable Discharged at Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania.

Sworn & subscribed this 6th day of May 1818 before me

S/ Harry Garrison one of the Judges of said County

S/ Cornelius Organ, X his mark

I Cornelius Organ do Solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God that I am in Indigent Circumstances that I stand in need of support of my Conty [country]

S/ Cornelius Organ, X his mark

[f p. 5: On June 9, 1852 in Putnam County New York, Mary Wright, 66 a resident of East Fishkill in Dutchess County New York gave testimony stating that her first husband was William Organ, son of Cornelius and Rachel Organ; that Cornelius Organ was a revolutionary pensioner who died October 6, 1818; that her husband, William Organ died December 4, 1822 aged 40 years, 3 months and 3 days; that she lived in the house with Cornelius and Rachel Organ part of the time for about 8 years; that Rachel Organ remained a widow until her death September 18, 1836; that they only living children of Cornelius and Rachel Organ are married, who married Jesse Cold and resides in the town of Kent in the County of Putnam state of New York; Esther who married Abijah Youmons and resides in Philipstown, Putnam County New York; Sally or Sarah who married Gilbert Shaw and lives in Peekskill, Westchester County New York; Reuben who lives in Philipstown Putnam County New York; Rachel who married Hiram Cole and lives in Poultney, Steuben County New York; Elizabeth who married Nathaniel Nichols and resides in Putnam Valley, Putnam County New York. The witness stated that she had never seen or known of a public private or family record of the marriage of Cornelius and Rachel Organ. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 10: On September 16, 1852 in Putnam County New York, Mary Cole, a resident of the town of Kent in said County, aged 65 years, Esther Youmams, aged 62, resident of Phillips town, Sally Shaw, 60, resident of Court one in the County of Westchester; Reuben Organ, 56, resident in Phillips town; Rachel Cole, 53, resident in Poultney in Steuben County; and Betsy Nichols, 50, resident in Putnam Valley in Putnam County, made application to obtain the pension due their mother under the 1836 act as the widow of Cornelius Organ, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that their father Cornelius married their mother Rachel in the month of April or May in the year 1782 and before the last term of his service in the war; that their father Cornelius died in the town of Kent in Putnam County New York October 6, 1818; that their mother Rachel died in the town of Kent September 18, 1836.

Mary ^{an} Cole
 Betsy ^{mark} Nichols
 Esther ^{an} Youmans
 Reuben ^{mark} Organ
 Sally Shaw

[Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Rachel Barrett; she married Cornelius Organ in Bedford New York in April or May 1782. The children of the veteran and his wife are listed as follows:

William born August 27 1782 died December 4, 1822

Samuel born September one, 1784

Mary born September 15, 1787

Esther born May 29, 1790

Sarah born December 11, 1792

Reuben born September 16, 17__

Rachel born December 12, 1799

Elizabeth born December 19, 1801

Magers [Majors?] born March 30, (torn)

Magers and Samuel died in childhood

The veteran and his wife were married in the house of Marcus Barrett father of Marcus Barrett who testified in 1852 in Putnam County New York that he was then 77 years of age and the nephew of Rachel Barrett, the wife of Cornelius Organ. Marcus Barrett testified that his father lived in Bedford in the County of Westchester. On June 9, 1852 in Putnam County New York, Elizabeth Barrett, gave testimony that she was 83 years of age; that she is the widow of Reuben Barrett deceased who was a brother of Rachel Organ wife of Cornelius Organ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 6, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[In the papers indexed under the name William Callender is found the following:

I do hereby Certify that Cornelius Organ Served in my Troop in the 4th Regiment of Light Dragoons 3 years and was regular discharged and was returned belonging to the State of Virginia in said Regiment.

New Jersey Woodbridge

August 25th 1797

John Heard

Captain in the 4th Regiment

I do hereby Certify that Cornelius Organ served in my Troop in the 4th Regt of Light Dragoons three years and was regular discharged and was returned belonging to the State of Virginia in said Regt.

*New Jersey Woodbridge
Aug. 25th 1797*

*John Heard
Capt. in the 4th Regt.*

[In the papers indexed under the name of Thomas Eubanks is a receipt signed by various members of the 4th Virginia Regiment acknowledging receipt of the sum of two pounds as pay for the period from July 28th to August 28th 1776. The name of Cornelius Organ appears on this list with his having made his mark to indicate his signature. The image of the document is very poor but the names I can read are as follows:

Thomas Hanes

Thomas Eubanks

William Sunderman

Cornelius Organ, x his mark

Joseph Haley

Jacob Cole

John Hanes

Robert Reynolds

Samuel Baughan

William Johnston

James Boughan

Thomas Turpin, x his mark

Robert Vaughn [Vaughn or Vaughan], x his mark

Joseph Worshan

Thomas King

George Hankins, x his mark

Loyd Portwood [?]