

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Coughran R1816 and R2362 VA  
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State of Arkansas } This day personally appeared George Coughran a citizen of said County, and a  
Sevier County } man whose oath is entitled to full credit, before me Chs. Pettigrew an acting  
Justice of the peace in and for said County, who after being duly sworn and charged by me Testifieth and  
saith that he the said Coughran in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred & eighty one  
was a citizen of Bedford County of the State of Virginia and some time in September or October of said  
year was drafted into the service of the United States as malitia man under the Command of Capt Thomas  
McRunnels [sic: Thomas McReynolds], and his Lieutenant Robert Watkins, the number of Regiment  
deponent does not Recollect, but thinks the Regiment was Commanded by Col Trigg [William Trigg], and  
Rendesvoused at Halls Store on big falling River in said County, and from thence took up our march to  
YorkTown, in the State of Virginia, and was there during the Siege and participated in it till the Surrender  
of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], and a short time of afterwards was discharged from  
service. Deponent was then between sixteen & seventeen years of age and Received an Honourble  
discharge which he has since lost and cannot now lay his hands upon it, and said deponent, being  
informed that provisions have been made by Congress for the Relief of the surviving soldiers of the war  
of the Revolution, and feeling that his services as well as his aged & dependent condition entitle him to as  
much as his fellow soldiers, therefore makes this affidavit, that he may receive whatever he may be  
entitled to from the united States. Given under his hand & seal this 3 day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight [signed] George Coughran

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM

Form of Declaration for surviving Officer or Soldier.

STATE OF ARKANSAS. }  
County of Scott} SS. }

On this Seventh day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, personally  
appeared before me W. G. Featherston a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within  
and for the County and State aforesaid, George Coughran aged Ninety one years, a resident of Scott  
County in the State of Arkansas, who being duly sworn according to law, declares, that he is the identical,  
George Coughran who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Thomas McReynolds in the  
(Thinks it was) fifth Regiment of Malitia commanded by Colonel Trigg in the Revolutionary War (at  
taking Lord Cornwallace) that he was Drafted at Bedford County Virginia on or about the last of August  
day of August A.D. 1781 for the term of Six months and continued in actual service in said war, for the  
term of about Three months and was honorably discharged at Little York on the Surrender of Lord Corn  
Wallace on the or about the last day of November A.D. one thousand seven hundred Eighty one as will  
appear by the muster Rolls of said Company his discharge having been for many years lost  
Witness to mark O. A. Munn George his+mark Caughran

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land Pension to which he may  
be entitled under the "act granting bounty land Pensions to certain officers and soldiers who have been  
engaged in the military service of the United States," passed September 28, 1850. He states that he has  
never received any pension or known whether he was or not entitled to any

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written: and I hereby certify that I  
believe the said George Coughran to be the identical man who served as aforesaid, and that he is of the  
age above stated. W. G. Featherston J.P.