

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Coburn R2078

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### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 and the act passed cents for the relief of Revolutionary Soldiers which requires the applicant to have served only three months.

State of North Carolina County of Martin: SS

On this 12th day of January 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Jesse Coburn, a resident of said County in the aforesaid State aged 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Acts of Congress above referred to.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was drafted in the service of the United States a short time before the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] for three months and placed under Captain John Kennedy Lieutenant James Evans and Ensign William Gallatin and Colonel Whitmill Hill Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth McKensie and Major John Everett -- I was marched to Halifax where I was placed under the command of General Eaton [Brig. Gen. Thomas Eaton]. I was marched from there to Guilford where I was placed under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] -- I reached there a few days before the Battle and was in that Battle -- I recollect that Colonel Faxon [James Thackston?] who was a Continental officer. Upon the forces becoming engaged we were compelled to retreat to the Iron Works [Troublesome Iron Works]. We stayed there a short time and then went to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River -- and from there I was marched to Camden South Carolina where there was another Battle [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] - - in which I was engaged. The British there retreated and in a short time I with others were sent home under the charge of Colonel Guilford Dudley<sup>1</sup> and after I reached this State I received a discharge from the said Colonel Dudley my term of three months having expired. The discharge from Colonel Dudley, I had and affidavits of individuals are hereto attached who saw it but it is now either lost or mislaid. I know of no person by whom I can prove my service but by William Price<sup>2</sup> whose affidavit is hereunto attached and there is no clergyman in my immediate neighborhood whose affidavit I can procure. I cannot state exactly the time I entered or left the service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & I declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

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<sup>1</sup> [Guilford Dudley W8681](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Price R8479](#)

Sworn to before me  
S/ John D. Biggs, Clerk

S/ Jesse Coburn

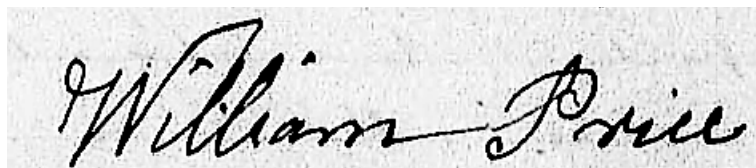


[Stapleton Howell & Laurence Cherry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William Price do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Jesse Coburn, and know the fact of his service as stated in his declaration up to the time we parted at Ramsey's Mills on Deep River. From there he went to Camden and I remained at Ramsey's Mills until I was discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed or me  
S/ John D. Biggs, Clerk

S/ William Price



Interrogatories propounded by the Court in conformity with the instructions of the War Department.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer to first Interrogatory -- I cannot exactly tell the date when I was born but I made myself 75 years of age and I was born in Martin County North Carolina.

Answer to 2nd. I have no record of my age.

Answer to 3rd. I have always lived in Martin County.

Answer to 4th. I was drafted as stated in my declaration.

Answer to 5th. I refer to my declaration as an answer to this question.

Answer to 6th. I did receive a discharge & have lost it as stated in my declaration.

Answer to 7th. Stapleton Powell, Joseph R. Ballard, Jesse Cooper, Lewelling powers & I could name many others

We Stapleton Powell & Edward Glasgow do hereby make oath that we saw the original discharge of Jesse Coburn signed by Guilford Dudley several years ago but what has become of it we are now unprepared to say.

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
S/ John D. Biggs, clerk

S/ Stapleton Powell

S/ Edward Glasgow

[p 7 : A person by the name of Charlotte Coburn (relationship if any to the veteran is not stated) signed a power of attorney dated July 22, 1851 empowering her attorney to examine her rights, if any, to any pension due Jesse Coburn. An attestation attached to the power of attorney indicates that Charlotte Coburn was the widow of James Coburn of Martin County, North Carolina.]

[p 11: On November 1, 1855, in Martin County North Carolina Lucinda Coburn and George T. Johnson and wife Louisa, the said Lucinda being 37 years of age and Louisa being 35 years old, declare that Lucinda and Louisa together with Polly wife of Arthur Whitehurst and Nancy wife of Edward Glasgow all of whom are citizens of Martin County are the only surviving children and heirs at law of Jesse Coburn; that Jesse died in Martin County November 4th, 1843; the filing being made to claim whatever pension or other benefits may have been due Jesse Coburn for his services in the revolution.]

[p 17: Certificate dated November 7th, 1851 from the North Carolina Comptroller's Office indicating payments made to Jesse Coburn for military services in the revolutionary war.]

[p 24: another power of attorney signed by Charlotte Coburn widow of Jesse Coburn; this power of attorney is dated November 19, 1852 and was executed in Martin County North Carolina.]