

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Cordill (Cordell)<sup>1</sup> R2315 Sarah Cordill f25NC  
Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves rev'd 12/7/10 & 12/4/23

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Perry County, State of Kentucky

On this 12th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Perry County now sitting, Stephen Cordill, a resident of Perry County, aged 70 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service as a Volunteer in the Militia of the United States shortly before General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], South Carolina as a volunteer for three months in Wilkes County North Carolina where he lived in Capt. John Morgan's Company in Col. Ben Hern's [sic, Benjamin Hearn's or Benjamin Herndon's] Regt, in the line of the State of North Carolina. From Wilkes he marched to the mouth of Rocky River, then back to guard the frontiers of Wilkes against the Tories & Indians & after serving out his term aforesaid he was honorably discharged at the mouth of Rocky River in Wilkes County, North Carolina by Col. Noah who then commanded the Regt shortly after Gates' defeat. He does not remember any regular officers. -- He again entered the Service sometime before the Battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780],<sup>2</sup> he again volunteered for three months in Wilkes County where he lived in Capt. Samuel Johnson's Company & Col. Cleaveland's [sic, Benjamin Cleveland's] Regt. in the line of the State of North Carolina; his Major was Dick Allen. He marched from there to King's Mountain and was in hearing of the Battle but the foot party just reached the Battle in time but in time to receive the prisoners as they were taken. He remembers to have seen Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Genl. Campbell [William Campbell]. He was marched back to Wilkes [County] as a guard of the Prisoners when after serving out his tour he was honorably discharged by Col. Cleveland in Wilkes County, North Carolina. Next in 1781 in Wilkes County N.C. where he resided he volunteered for three months in Captain Johnson's Company in the 5th Regiment (Colonel's name forgotten) on the line of the State of North Carolina. He was marched from Wilkes to Surry & then back to Wilkes and after serving out his term of three months he was discharged in the year 1781 in Wilkes County by Captain Samuel Johnson. On this trip he recollects no regular Officers. He was born in Lunenburg [sic, Lunenburg] County, Va. At each time he lived in Wilkes County North Carolina where he entered the service, Since he has lived in Wilkes then moved to Kentucky where he now lives.

<sup>1</sup> See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050 035 Not Half Pay Stephen Cordill

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

His discharges he has long since lost not knowing that they would ever profit him anything. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Stephen Cordill<sup>3</sup>

James Cordill<sup>4</sup> a Reputable witness made oath in open Court that he is the Brother of the foregoing Stephen Cordill and that he knows of his own knowledge the foregoing statement of said Stephen as to the first two trips is true as he was with him each time in the service – the third trip he has no doubt is true as he knew of his leaving home to perform the trip & when he returned he remembers it was long enough to have served out three months – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Cordill

Roger Turner<sup>5</sup> resident of said County of Perry aged 74 upon oath in open court declares that he knows of his own knowledge that the foregoing statement of Stephen Cordill is true as to the tour [to] King's Mountain as he served with him & that he has known him ever since & that he is a man of truth.

S/ Roger Turner

[Daniel Duff, a clergyman, Benjamin Webb and Elijah comes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: All of the above documents certified by the clerk of Perry County as containing the original proceedings of the said Court. In other words, they are copies of the originals in his office.]

[p 7: On July 1, 1850 in Letcher County Kentucky, John A Cordill, 52 filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that he is a son of Stephen Cordill deceased, a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum and Sarah Cordill, deceased, the widow of said Stephen Cordill; that his parents were married in Wilkes County North Carolina some time in the year 1792; that his mother's maiden name was Sarah Adams; that there is no record of their marriage or the births of their children; that his father died in Perry County Kentucky (now Letcher) on July 26, 1839; that his mother died in Letcher County Kentucky sometime in October 1842; that the only children of his parents living at the time of the death of his mother were this declarant, 52; Elizabeth Brown, 50, Nancy Adams, 46; Easter Eldridge, 44; Sarah Adams 41; Lydia Cornett 38; Jesse Cordill 36; and Watson Cordill, 34 and that their oldest child, Henrietta Cordill is now dead, was born sometime in the year 1792; that his mother never drew a pension; that she remained the widow of their father until her death.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Cordill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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<sup>3</sup> The signature of the veteran is in the identical handwriting with the balance of the document. Consequently, I am of the opinion that this is not his signature but is the rendering thereof by the scribe.

<sup>4</sup> [James Cordill \(Caudill\) S30344](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Roger Turner S14737](#)

[p 8: Sarah Cordill, aged 50, as sister of the declarant gave a supporting affidavit. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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

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Addendum to Stephen Cordill (Cordell) R2315

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[[Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) includes a file for Stephen Cordill inscribed “Not Half Pay.” The only informative document in the file is a power of attorney signed on 4 July 1843 in Letcher County KY by Sarah Cordill for the purpose of receiving the pension due to Stephen Cordill from 4 September 1837 until 25 July 1839, the date of his death.]