

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Corder (Carder) S10121 VA
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State of Virginia, County of Fauquier,

on this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Fauquier now sitting, John Corder, a resident near Fiery Run meeting House, in the County of Fauquier, and State of Virginia, aged seventy one years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 or 1778 and to the best of his recollection in the year 1778, with Captain William Field, and served in the 1st or 2^d Regiment, the particular number of it he does not remember [see endnote], but he thinks the 2^d Regiment of the Virginia Line, for three years, the term of his enlistment, under the following officers, Daniel Greenwood, Ensign, William Field Lieutenant, and William Field his Father, Captain and George Gibson [BLWt1985-500], Colonel of the Regiment, that he served until the end of his term having been engaged in active service for two years, in and about Williamsburg, he was taken sick with the ague and fever, he received a furlough, and was permitted to return to his home that he did not recover from his sickness until the end of his term, that he resided in the County of Fauquier Virginia when he entered the service, that during the term mentioned he was in no battle, that he marched with his company to Williamsburg and was once marched from Williamsburg near to Petersburg, that after the term mentioned, and in the year 1781 he was drafted in the County of Fauquier as a Malitia man for a tour of three months, which he served under Captain John Thomas Chunn and Colonel Armisted Churchill that the day or the month when he was drafted he does no remember, that he was discharged as a malitia man in the month of June, in Richmond, Virginia, that he was in a skirmish, at the point below Richmond, near the Hollow Spring [probably Holly Springs 10 mi SE of Richmond], that he was marched on this tour from Fauquier to Williamsburg and from thence to Richmond, that he knew Gen'l. LaFayette, who then commanded about three hundred regulars, that the said John Corder hereby 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 any agency in any state, that he has no discharge.

John Corder

This day Geo. Corbin [George Corbin W1237] appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County of Culpeper and made oath that he is now and was well acquainted with John Corder and that he the said John Corder enlisted as a regular soldier in the Revolutionary war for three years under Captain Wm. Field of Culpeper in 1777 or 1778 and served out his time. Given under my had this 19th day of June 1832.

I do hereby certify that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty one, that John Corden of the County of Fauquier and state of Virginia was called on by tour to serve in the malitia for three months which tour to my certain knowledge he served faithfully under Captain John Thomas Chun and Armistead Churchill Colonel of the Regiment. Given under my hand this 11th day of august 1832. [Culpeper County VA]

Joshua Singleton

Culpeper County Virginia

This 14th day of August 1832, James Withers [W4399] a credible witness, aged in September next Seventy five years, appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the County of Culpeper the said James being a minister of the Baptist Church, and made oath, that he has known John Corder of Fauquier County, an Applicant, for a pension, from the United States, from his boy hood, that he did serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, under Captain William Field, that he saw him when a soldier in Williamsburg, Virginia, that he was reputed to have enlisted for three years, and served with fidelity untill he was taken sick, that he is a man of truth, and that full faith and credit are to be given to his statements.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

James Corder receives [undeciphered word] articles clothing May 5th[?] 1783. See Vol. 3rd Executive Department [undeciphered] concerning Army of Revolution Q'r. M. [Quarter Master] returns [illegible]

To his Excellency Governor Tazwell [sic: Littleton Waller Tazewell].

Your memorialist John Corder or (Corden) of the County of Fauq'r respectfully represents, that in the year 1778 he enlisted in the 1st Reg't of Virg'a troops commanded by Col. George Gibson for 3 yrs and served through his said enlistment. He was in the company commanded by Capt William Field. Your memorialist has been told that said Reg't. was transferred to the Cont'l Line.

Your memorialist prays that he may be allowed the Virg'a land bounty which is usual in such cases and that his claim for the same may be referred for examination and he will ever pray.

[23 July 1835]



To his Excellency the Governor of Virg'a and Council –

Your memorialist John Corder of the county of Fauq'r [Fauquier] respectfully represents that his brother James Corder of whom he is sole heir was a regular Soldier in the Virginia line under Gen'l. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark VAS269] in the N. Western Army [Illinois Regiment] in the war of the Revolution and served therein till the final discharge of said army. Your memorialist does not know the period by date when his said brother entered. He was said to be attached to Crockett's [Joseph Crockett S46377] reg't. He marched from Culpeper in Cap. Benjamin Roberts' [S31343] Rifle Company. Your memorialist further represents that he the said John Corder enlisted in the army of the U. States in 1778 under Cap. William Field of the 1st or 2nd Reg't the no. not now distinctly remembered – of the Virg'a Line, for 3 years and served thro' the same – your was sick a portion of said period of enlistment, but was for that portion of his service furloughed. Whilst in said service he was under the following officers – Dan'l Greenwood Ens Wm. Field Lt and Wm. Field (his father) Captain and Col. George Gibson commander of the Reg't.

Your memorialist is the sole heir of the said James Corder and also for himself prays that the portion of land due for his said brother's services in s'd N. W. Army and for his own enlistment in, & services in the Virg'a Cont'l Line as above set forth may be allowed and he will ever pray –

[31 Aug 1835]



To His Excellency David Campbell – Gov'r of Virg'a [2 Oct 1838]

your memorialist, John Corder of Rapp'k Co. [Rappahannock County] Va most respectfully begs leave to represent that his brother James Corder, of whom he is the sole heir at law was a soldier in the Va. Line in the war of Revolution, and he believes was in the Illinois Reg't or N. W. Army in the Cavalry. your memorialist prays that he may receive the land bounty allowed in such cases, and he will ever pray.

NOTES:

George Gibson was colonel of the 1st Virginia State Regiment, which was in the Continental Line in 1778 and 1779.

Corder stated that he did not apply for a pension under the act of 1818, because he understood that the act was for those in financial need. He also stated that he had always written his name as John Corder, but that others formerly spelled it Carder. A son of John Corder also stated that he wrote his name as Vincent Corder, but that others spelled it Carder.