

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Corry S21126

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State of South Carolina Union District:

On this the twenty-third day of January 1835 personally appeared in the court of Ordinary for the district and state aforesaid before John J. Pratt Judge of the said Court Nicholas Corry a resident of Union district and State of South Carolina aged eighty-two years and upwards 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 the 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated;

He entered the service as a volunteer in the company of Captain William McMillan which was attached to Colonel Richardson's [Richard Richardson's] command sometime in December in the year 1775: the company of Captain McMillan was raised in the neighborhood of Broad River Union district South Carolina where he then resided; immediately after the company was organized we went through the country in the Tory neighborhoods to prevent them from assembling in large bodies and to take the leaders of the disaffected: during this service we were mostly under the direction of the council of safety, & were in actual service for 20 days; during this service we were placed by the directions of the committee of safety under the command of Colonel Richardson & proceeded immediately to perform the tour of duty called the Snow Camps, from the severity of the weather: during this time we were engaged in following the Tories & at last surprised them, in then Ninety Six district South Carolina at a place called the cane brake and we made them prisoners, the length of service was at least 40 days which added to the service first detailed makes sixty [days], they were connected & considered one tour of duty as there was no upation [sic, interruption?] -- he left the service sometime in February 1776.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer in the company of Captain McCree [John McRee] attached to Colonel Adam Alexander's Regiment commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the first of July 1776, he then resided in McLenborough [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina. The object of our volunteering was to fight the Indians and we had been something like 2 weeks in service when we heard of the Declaration of Independence, we continued in service for 4 months during which time we had several skirmishes with the Indians killing & taking more or less nearly every day during this tour we were joined by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at the place where the forks of the Hiwassee [River] meet -- & we were discharged late in November or the first of December 1776. Immediately after this expedition he went to the State of Virginia & married, he remained there until 1778 when he moved with his family to where he now lives in Union District South Carolina. That he again entered the service as a drafted soldier in Captain Jeffries' company in

Colonel ~~Steen's Regiment~~ Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment in January 1779 (near the last as he thinks) we marched from Union district to Beach Island where we remained until discharged in April 1779. We were drafted for three months & served out his time (Beach Island is on the Savannah River near Augusta, Georgia)

That he again entered the service as a drafted soldier in Captain Steen's [James Steen or James Stein] company then commanded by Lieutenant Davidson and Colonel Brandon's Regiment about the first or middle of November in the year 1779, we were marched from Union district where he then lived, to the vicinity of Charleston and were stationed at a place called & known by the name of the ten mile Springs -- so soon as we reached the ten mile spring he was appointed quarter master of the Regiment & acted in that capacity the balance of that tour, he supposes they were 10 or 12 days in marching to the ten mile Spring. He was drafted for three months & served out the term for which he was drafted having been discharged sometime in February 1780 --

After the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] and the enemy had got possession of the country he took refuge in North Carolina and Virginia & after he heard of the battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in York District South Carolina he left his family in Virginia and returned to this State. That he again volunteered and entered the service under the command of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] & joined him at Clem's branch a tributary of Sugar Creek in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, he entered the service sometime in the month of June 1780 & continued in service for two months or upwards until Sumpter's defeat at Fishing Creek on the 18th of August [1780], this service was before he went to Virginia. After the defeat at Fishing Creek he went as above stated to Virginia & North Carolina. That he again returned from Virginia & entered the service as volunteer under the command of General Sumpter in Colonel Hill's [William Hill's] Regiment and Captain Howes company the last of November 1780 we done garrison duty at the mouth of Crowder's Creek in York District South Carolina, we had repeated skirmishes with the Tories & on one occasion took 30 of them prisoners; he continued in constant service until he was discharged & leave given him to go to see his family on the 5th March 1781 as appears from a pass signed by Colonel William Preston hereunto annexed -- such was the condition of the country at that time that every man had to be in active service in the camp or there was no safety. The length of the last detailed service after his return from Virginia was upwards of three months. I know of no person living who can prove my services except John Jeffries¹ and William Moorehead² and that only as to one term of duty of 3 months near Charleston at the ten mile Springs.

The applicant in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department says as follows

Answer to 1st Interrogatory: He was born in the year of our Lord 1758 in the County Down in the Kingdom of Ireland

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

Answer to 3rd: I have already answered that as fully as I can, now living in Union District South Carolina

Answer to 4th: I have answered that, sometimes I was drafted & sometimes volunteered.

Answer to 5th: I have answered in my declaration --

Answer to 6th: I never received a discharge except the pass already referred to from William Preston which is hereto attached

¹ [John Jefferies \(Jeffries\) S18055](#)

² [William Moorhead \(Morehead\) S18127](#)

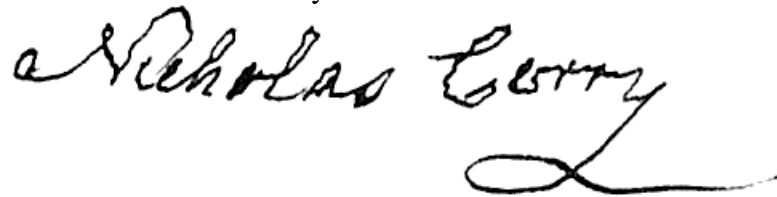
Answer to 7th: I refer to the Reverend Thomas Mitchell and the Honorable David Johnson

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ JJ Pratt, Judge

S/ Nicholas Corry



[John Gage, Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

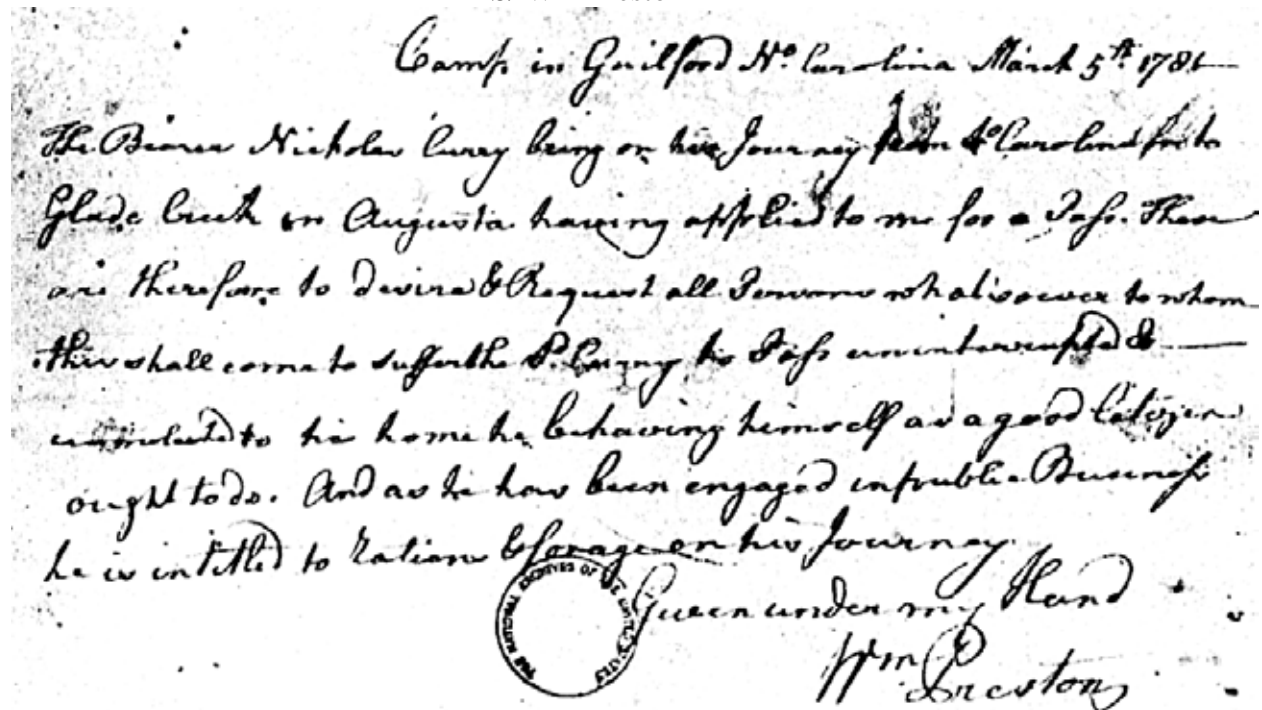
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Camp in Guilford No. Carolina March 5th 1781

The Bearer Nicholas Curry [sic] being on a Journey from South Carolina for to Glade Creek in Augusta having applied to me for a Pass. These are therefore to desire & request all persons whatsoever to whom they shall come to suffer the said Curry to Pass uninterrupted & unmolested to his home he behaving himself as a good Citizen ought to do. And as he has been engaged in public Business he is entitled to ration & forage on his Journey.

Given under my hand

S/ Wm Preston



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(Circular stamp: OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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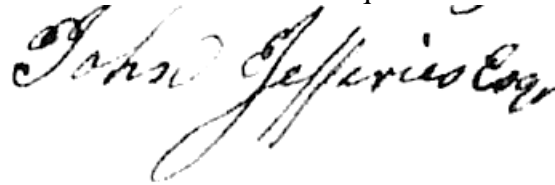
State of South Carolina Union District

Personally came John Jefferies Esquire before me the subscribing Justice and made oath as the law directs to the best of his knowledge and belief and saith that Nicholas Corry Esquire served a tour of duty in the American Army under the command of Colonel James Steen and was

stationed at the ten mile house near Charlestown in the winter of 1779 and '80 it being the winter before the fall of Charlestown and said Curry [sic] acted in the Army as quarter master. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of October 1834

S/ Isaac Peeler, JP

S/ John Jefferies Esqr

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Jefferies Esqr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "S/ John Jefferies Esqr".

[David Johnson one of the justices of the court of appeals for the State of South Carolina gave a standard supporting affidavit with respect to the reputation and age of Nicholas Corry.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the North and South Carolina militia.]