

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Curbow (Kerbo) S31637

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District

By John Simkins Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District and State aforesaid

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting;

Know ye that Joseph Curbow resident in the district and State aforesaid did this day appear before me and made oath upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he first enlisted in the United States Army on the Continental Establishment in the revolutionary war for 18 months under Captain Thomas Harris of the fourth Regiment of the North Carolina troops, that James Fain¹ [could be James Fair] was first Lieutenant, John Carruth² the second Lieutenant and James Coats, Colonel Poalk [sic, Thomas Polk] was the first commander of the Regiment and Colonel Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] the next, in the last of March or the first of April 1776. That he faithfully served for the 18 months and enlisted for 18 months more but was only enabled by sickness to serve a part of the second 18 months having hired his brother William Curbow to serve out the remainder of the time, which he did, and brought home his deponent's discharge in his own name for himself, as his brother only served for him as a substitute, which discharge he left in the hands of Robert Webb Esquire of Anson County North Carolina, who said he would endeavor to get the bounty land to which this deponent was entitled, upon being thus discharged which he never got and only two or three months pay out of the whole due him. That he served the United [States] in the battle of Bald Head Island³ below the mouth of Cape Fear [River], and was at Wilmington, New Bern and in various scouting and guard parties. That after he was discharged honorably from the United States Service in the year 1779, he served three, three months tours in the militia making altogether nine months in which he was much disabled by his ankle being put out of joint, so as to keep him from active labor 12 years,

This deponent further swears that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the aid of his Country for support.

¹ No such officer is listed in Lawrence E. Babits & Joshua B. Howard. *"Fortitude and Forbearance" The North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783* Raleigh Office of Archives and History North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 2004.

² No such officer is listed in Babits & Howard.

³ September 6-7, 1776. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1776s.htm>

In testimony that the
 said Joseph Curbo did
 this day make oath of
 the truth of the above
 affidavit I have hereunto
 set my hand this 13th day
 of June 1818
 S/ Jn Simkins, O. E. D.

Joseph Curbow, X his mark

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State of South Carolina, District of Edgefield: On this fourth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for said District and State Joseph Curbo aged upward 65 years resident in the Beaver Dam Creek near Edgefield Court House in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the fourth North Carolina Regiment North Carolina line commanded by Colonel John Polk in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Harris that he is now on the pension roll by virtue of the act of the 18th of March 1818 that his pension Certificate is dated on the 18th of September 1818 the pension having commenced on the 13th day of June 1818 and that he has already received his pension from the last mentioned time till the fourth March 1820 and that the said declarant doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the following schedule (viz.)

139 acres of pine he would land of the third quality which has been sold for one dollar per acre but this deponent says may be worth	\$208.50
deduct \$11.50 of a balance not paid	<u>11.50</u>
and which he has not been able to pay for said land	\$197.00
One horse three years old worth about	50.00
One mare 22 years old worth	15.00
One Cow & Two yearlings	25.00
Plantation Tools	5.00
Three Sows & pigs & 17 Shoats	40.00
2 Pots and a frying pan	2.62 ½
1 small Dutch Oven	1.25
3 Plates ½ Doz. knives & forks & 3 spoons	1.06 ¼
Some Dunghill fowls	<u>1.50</u>
	\$338.43 ¾

That he has been disabled whilst in the service of the United States, his ankle being put out of its place, and his foot mashed so that he can't plow, & the run of his belley being broke, he does conscientiously swear that he is unable to pursue his former occupation of a Tiller of the earth, but to a small degree, and with great difficulty, so as not to be it enabled to support himself – and a decrepit old wife, that [he] has seven [children], but all of them are of age and the most of them

have families to support, and all work for themselves exclusively.

That there is no one under whom he can depend for support or to whom he can look, or from he can expect any succor.

S/ Joseph Kerbo, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open court the day and year first above written

S/ M. Mims, CCP

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Georgia Gwinnett County: Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes November Term 1832

Joseph Curbow being duly sworn saith that he has been heretofore on the pension Roll of the United States and that he has been stricken from the same – that he was a private – that he belonged to Colonel Polk Regiment (or fourth Regiment of the State of North Carolina) that he was dropped from said Pension Roll on account of his having more property than a person should have to entitle them to a pension – that he now resides in the State of Georgia & Gwinnett County – that he resided in Edgefield District & State of South Carolina when he made his applications under the act of the 18th of May 1818 [sic.] And

S/ Joseph Curbow, C his mark

[fn p. 8: On February 19, 1852 Anna Hall County Georgia, Margaret Cerbow, Anna Cerbow and Mary Buckaloo (formerly Mary Cerbow) executed a power of attorney authorizing their attorney to pursue their claim based on the services of their father Joseph Cerbow, late of Gwinnett County, Georgia, in the revolutionary war.]

[fn p. 9: On February 20, 1852 in Hall County Georgia, Margaret Curbow, 67, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Joseph Curbow of Gwinnett County deceased; that he was her father and her mother, Mary Curbow had five children, to wit, John Curbow, Mary Curbow (now Mary Buckaloo), Daniel Curbow, Anna Curbow and Margaret Curbow, this deponent; that her parents resided in Gwinnett County Georgia some 25 or 30 years; that her mother died November 23, 1839; that her father died October 5, 1850, still a widower; that she is filing this as a claim for the pension due her father in addition to that paid by the government for his services in both the Continental line and militia service in North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]