

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Austin Corley S3198

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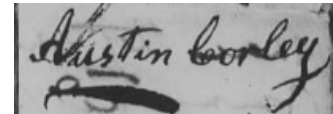
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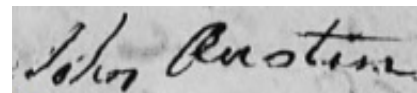
Wilson County

on this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson in open Court Austin Corley a resident of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee aged seventy five years on the 28th of April 1832 according to the family Register which he has often seen but which he has not access to at this time who being first duly sworn according to law doth make on his oath the following declaration in order to obtaine the benifit of the provission made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. said Austin Corley enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of March 1776 in the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia under Capt Richard Clough Anderson [W1356] in the continental line they resvoused at Williamsburg in Virginia there they were attached to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Scott [BLWt2055-850] (who was afterwards promoted to the office of General) – Josiah Parker was the acting Major and afterwards promoted to the Rank of Colo. Deponent marched under Capt Anderson to Norfolk where his Regiment remained until the month of August 1776 his Regiment then returned to Williamsburg – marched from there to little York took shiping at that place and sailed to a place called the head of Elk [now Elkton MD] there his Regiment joined the maine Army under the command of General Washington – Deponent was in the Battle at Tenton [sic: Trenton 26 Dec 1776]] against the Hessians the 26th of December 1776 – Deponent was likewise at the Battle of Princetown [sic: Princeton, 3 Jan 1777] and in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – he was likewise at Brandywine but not in the engagement [11 Sep 1777] as he was on that day on guard. Deponent enlisted for the Term of two years which time he faithfully served out and was honorably discharged – his discharge he has however long since lost or mislaid. A Austin Corly was born raised in Hanover County in the state of Virginia and lived in that County until the year 1811 at which time he moved the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee where he now resides.

he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension rool of any agency in any state in the United States.

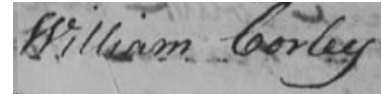


John Austin [S39154] a citizen of Sumner Conty in the State of Tennessee hereby certifys that he lived in the County of Hanover in the state of Virginia that he knew the applicant Austin Corley in that County he knew that said Corley Enlisted for the term of two years and served out that time – after he returned home witness enlisted himself for two years and entered the army Witness has known Austin Corley for sixty years he has always maintained a high character for truth and witness has no doubt he seved as stated in his Declaration. Witness is now 79 years of age  
[25 Sep 1832]



William Corley [S2422] hereby Certifies that he and the applicant Austin Corley were raised in the same neighbourhood in the State of Virginia in Hanover County – he knows that said Austin Corley Enlisted for two years and served out the term of two years. Witness saw him at Portsmouth in Virginia while in service and received many letters from him during the time he was in the Army. Witness has known the

applicant all his life and knows he served as stated in his declaration. Witness is now in his 81<sup>st</sup> of his age  
[25 Sep 1832]

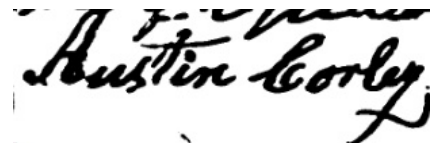


[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

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Declaration of Austin Corley in order to obtain the benefit of the several acts passed by the Legislature of the State of Virginia for the benefit of her Soldiers engaged in the Revolutionary war on this day personally appeared before me George H Bullard a Justice of the Peace for the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee duly commissioned and qualified to hold the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County of Wilson the same being a Court of record. Austin Corley a resident of said County of Wilson aged 75 years 26 months who being first duly sworn according to law in order to obtain the benefit of these several Acts passed from time to time, by the Legislature of Virginia for the soldiers that belonged to said line in the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted in the year 1776 under Richard Cluff Anderson for two years. John Anderson [BLWt54-300] was 1st Lieutenant, and William Bentley [S37745] 2 Lieutenant & Robert Tomkies ensighn and was attached to the 5th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line, Commanded by Colo. Scott (afterwards Govr. of Kentucky) – he was promoted to the Rank of Brigadier General and the Regiment was then commanded by Colo Josiah Parker – while in the service he was engaged in the battles, of Trenton Princetown Germanton and was guard the day of the Battle of Brandywine – he served two tours and was discharged, his discharge he lost or mislaid between forty and fifty years ago, he never received any thing for his services but continental money which depreciated [two or three undeciphered words] as to the certificate of £17.8.8 which he is informed the records in the Auditors office in Va. purports to have been drawn for him by one William Anderson he avers and Solemnly swears that he never saw said Certificate – that he never applied for one himself nor did he ever authorise William Anderson or any person whatsoever to draw a certificate for him –in fact this Declarant says he knew of no such man in the Army as William Anderson – about the time he was discharged he was informed that the state was in arrears to him in a ballance of pay but as he expected it would be paid in continental money he felt indifferent on the subject and never applied for any certificate so that if any Certificate ever issued he is still entitled to the benefit of the same as he never received one cent. he has never received one foot of land for any service rendered. Declarant would have applied earlier for the ballance of pay but he never was informed until within a few months that Virginia had passed any laws authorizing her Soldiers to be paid. Declarant has been informed recently that by a law of Virginia or by the stipulation of her [undeciphered word] Act of her Western Lands that provision was made to pay her soldiers or perhaps to [undeciphered word] them an annuity if so he prays the benefit of the several Acts on these subjects Declarant avers that he never has gotten any thing for his Revolutionary services except that his name has lately been placed on the pension rool of the United States of the 7th of June 1831 [sic]. Declarant's name can be found on the muster rools and abundant other proof of his services can be furnished if required

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7[?] day of october AD 1833



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NOTES:

In a statement supporting the pension application of his brother, William Corley (S2422), Austin Corley stated that he served a tour of militia duty with his brother described as follows: “That he entered

the Service of the United States as a militia man in May 1779 to the best of his recollection & belief, under Capt. Isaac Winston, met at Hanover Court-house where our Company was Completed, marched from thence to Williamsburgh, and there remained at the Barracks until our term of service of two months expired, when we were discharged, though not in writing: he returned home to his residence in Hanover County; in this service Col. Wm. Dandridge [William Dandridge] Commanded the Regiment from Hanover County.”

A document in the file states that Austin Corley died on 26 July 1841.