

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Corbin S3202

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The State of Ohio      }           On this Tenth Day of Oct. A.D. 1832 personally appeared, before the  
Holmes County, SS.    }           Court of Common Pleas (the said Court being a Court of Record in and  
  }           for said County) John Corbin a resident of Prairie Township in said  
County of Holmes, aged eighty two years, the second day of Feb. last, who being first duly qualified and  
sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit  
of the provision made by Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832;

That I the said Corbin enlisted as a private in the State Troops of Virginia, in the first year of the  
Revolution, in the Company commanded by Capt. John Thornton, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Rob't. Powell [Robert  
Powell] & 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant John Kemp and in the third Regiment of the Virginia Troops or Line,  
commanded by Col. Wheaton [sic: George Weedon] – my enlistment was for two years, but I was  
honorably discharged between eight & nine months after my said enlistment on account of sickness by  
fits – my discharge was in writing which is now lost & destroyed. when I enlisted, as aforesaid, I resided  
in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia, and was first marched from the Court House  
in said Culpepper County to Dumfries – then to Alexandria – then to Fredericksburgh [sic:  
Fredericksburg], then to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] then to Little York [Yorktown] – then to  
Gwin's Island [sic: Gwynn Island] – then to the banks of the Potomack [sic: Potomac River] where I was  
discharged as aforesaid. And further I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity,  
except the present, and I also declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid           John hisXmark Corbin

The State of Ohio      }           [25 May 1833]  
Holmes County ss.    }           Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in  
  }           and for said County, John Corbin who being duly sworn, deposes and  
saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the  
precise length of his service in the Revolutionary war, but according to the best of his recollection he  
served not less than eight months and fifteen days from and after the commencement of the  
Revolutionary War in the capacity and grade of a private soldier, and for such service he claims a  
pension. And further the said John Corbin on his oath aforesaid saith that he is not able to obtain the  
evidence of a Clergyman's belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service for the reason  
that there is no resident clergyman in the township or neighborhood in which said John resides, nor any  
Clergyman in the said County of Holmes with whom he said John is acquainted. And further the said  
John on his oath aforesaid saith that he cannot obtain the testimony of any living witness to prove his  
revolutionary service for reason that such witnesses who served with him as far as he can learn are now  
dead, and no living witness can now be found as said John believes by whom he can prove his positive  
revolutionary service – and all documentary evidence of his service is now lost which the said John ever  
had. and he said deponent further saith that he is the identical John Corbin who made the above  
declaration on the 10th day of Oct. A.D. 1833; and further saith not.                 [signed] John Corbin

NOTE: On 25 May 1833 Robert Goldsbury stated that “he has been acquainted with John Corbin for  
sixteen years last past – that I first became acquainted with said Corbin in Virginia in Hampshire County  
and lived there near said Corbin for eight years when I removed to Holmes County aforesaid with said  
Corbin and have lived ever since in the same neighborhood with said Corbin.” On the same day Wesley  
Stafford stated that he had known Corbin for 15 years since they were neighbors in Hampshire County,

and that they were still neighbors in Holmes County. On 17 Sep 1833 Sarah Corbin, 70, stated that she knew John Corbin several years before the commencement of the war, recollects when he enlisted, and married him in Culpeper County after his return from the service. She, as well as their daughters, Celey Corbin, 48, and Fanny Corbin, 46, stated that they remembered seeing the discharge signed by Col. "Wheaton," which was with other papers in a cloth bag that was lost while moving from Virginia to Ohio. Celey Corbin also stated that he had always lived with her father, and Fanny Corbin, 46, stated that she had lived with her father until they all moved to Holmes County.