

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cornelison S35209

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State of Kentucky SS Fayette Circuit Court Sct.

March Term 1821

Be it remembered that heretofore To wit

At a court held for the Fayette Circuit Court at the Courthouse in Lexington on the 19th day of March 1821, John Cornelison produced in open Court his Schedule under the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818, concerning pensioners, which is ordered to be entered of record in the following words.

On this 20th day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record in the said District and Circuit of Fayette County established a Court of record by an act of the Legislature of Kentucky, having the power to fine and imprison, John Cornelison aged sixty-one years, a resident of Fayette County 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, that in the year 1779, in the month of March, in this State of North Carolina he enlisted for the term of nine months in the Company commanded by Captain Armstrong of the third North Carolina Battalion in the North Carolina line on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Mebane [Lt. Col. Robert Mebane] and that he served in said Corps until the 30th day of November 1779 at which time he was honorably discharged from service by said Colonel Mebane in the State of South Carolina as will more fully appear by his original discharge here with annexed, that he was in the Battle of Stonow [sic, Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779] in South Carolina: and that his discharge here annexed is all the evidence of his services now in his power to procure, and that he never applied for a pension before. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: four head of horses worth in all \$50 for cows & two calves worth in all \$26.12 head of hogs worth \$12 amounting to \$88. I owe \$100 and have owing to me \$15.

S/ John Cornelison

That he is a tiller of the ground, and from old age, infirmity and a lungs complaint which

he labors under, he is unable to do but little manual labor, he has a wife and that one child living with him (to wit) Daniel 18 years of age, but his son Daniel is not able to maintain his Father and Mother the latter is sickly and very helpless.

S/ John Cornelison

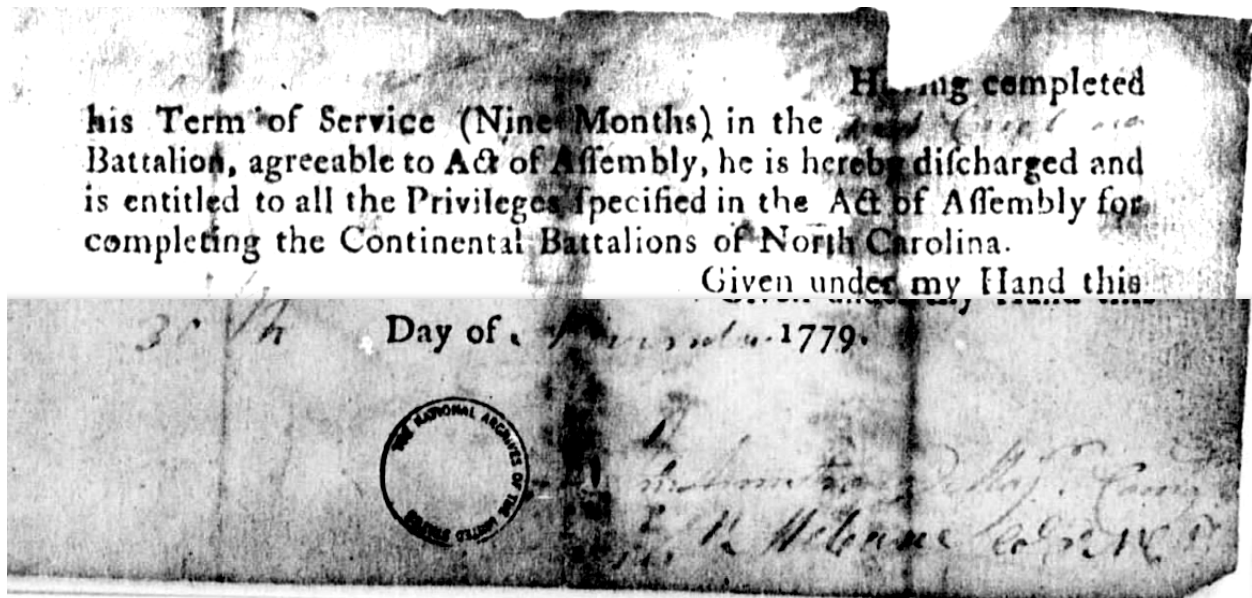
Sworn to and Declared on the 20th Day of March 1821 before
S/ W. Watson, Circuit Judge

Having completed
the Term of Service (Nine months) in the North Carolina
Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, he is hereby discharged and
is entitled to all the Privileges specified in the Act of Assembly for
completing the Continental Battalions of North Carolina.

Given under my hand this

30th Day of November 1779

S [illegible first name] Armstrong Majr Comg [John Armstrong]
S/ Robt Mebane Colo NC [illegible]



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State of Illinois Greene Circuit

At a Circuit Court for Greene County held at Carrollton, August 30th 1830

Honorable Samuel D Lockwood Judge

Personally appeared in open Court this 30th day of August 1830 being the Circuit Court for the County of Greene and State of Illinois made a Court of Record by Statute John Cornelison who being first duly sworn made the following declaration in order to be placed upon the pension list under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said John Cornelius and is now a resident of said County of Greene and State of Illinois and aged sixty-nine years that he enlisted for the term of nine months on the ___ day of June in the year 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Armstrong and was afterwards transferred to a company commanded by Captain Ramsay in the Regiment

commanded by Colonel Lytel [Archibald Lytle] afterwards transferred to a Regiment commanded by Colonel McLean in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps (with perhaps that he might have been transferred under another Captain whose name he does not now recollect) until November in the year 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Charleston in the State of South Carolina. That if through age his recollection should not serve him in any particular with regard to his transfer from Company to Company, and from Regiment to Regiment, yet he well Remembers the facts set forth in the above declaration and that he also served and suffered for near four years in the militia service in the State aforesaid during the said War. That he recollects some of the names of the militia captains under whom he served that is to say Captain Smith, Captain Hedrick, Captain Cole, Captain Childs, Captain Jennings &c. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina. That the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, he has no learning and knew nothing of the laws of Congress with regard to Pensions until 1821 when Mr. Payne of Kentucky informed him thereof and applied for a pension but was unsuccessful, he then thought the board of War would be deaf forever to his complaints, until in the year 1830 he was relating his sufferings in the language of despair and wishing some assistance and that he might get some slight employment such as he could be able to labor at whereby he might try to gain a support whereupon L. N. Piggott Postmaster at Eminence informed him that the board of War had gave pensions to many others whose claims was not more fast and advised him to make an application to the board of War whereupon he requested the said Postmaster to become his agent to make the present application to the board of War for a pension for him the said Cornelison.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One Horse 11 years old worth	\$10.00
One mare 11 years old	10.00
The irons of an old 21 ore Waggon	6.00
1 Axe, 1.50 Weeding hoe 50 Cts Two Pewter	2.00
Basons 5 plates 4 tin Cups 1 small Pot Skillet & Frying pan	<u>2.50</u>
Total	\$30.50

I am a farmer by occupation but by reason of my age and infirmities am not able to pursue it since in the death of my last Son the only family residing with me is my wife aged 67 years she is not able to support herself. Thus I am left in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without assistance of my Country. I cannot distinctly recollect what property possessed in 1818 but I believe the following all the changes that have been made in my property since the year 1818 to the best of my recollection I then possessed four head of horse creatures five or six head of cattle two plows, three hogs and some more kitchen utensils then I have now. The only changes that have been made in my property have been as follows part of it has been disposed of for a wagon to move to this Country and a part I paid for the rent where I

lived him and in the expense of moving to this Country the other of the cattle I killed for meat but I cannot recollect to whom I disposed each one but I do know that after using the best economy I could they are now reduced to the statement of the above schedule I have not possessed any land property since the date nor has any of my property been ever executed or sold by Sheriff's sale nor do I remember giving either note on land since the year 1818

S/ John Cornelison, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing December 6, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]