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Pension Application of Higgins Coppinger (Covvinger) S40051 VA
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State of Tennessee } October sessions of the County Court of s'd County
Washington County }

On this 28th day of October 1822 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Higgins Coppinger (alias Covvinger) aged eighty four years, resident in Washington County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows towit that in the year of 1780 in the month of September, in Bedford County Virginia, he enlisted into the Continental service in the Revolutionary war, under Capn Lawson of General Greens Regiment of the Virginia line [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene, commander of the Southern Department], for during the war, that he was taken under s'd enlistment into the continental service, & was attached to the army at Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] destined for Norfolk, but on counter orders being received, they ware ordered to the South, & marched under Gen'l. Green to the south and was in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]& Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], and continued to served faithfully until the close of the war when he was discharged at Richmond Virginia at the s'd termination of the war by Major Findly [sic: Samuel Finley] in Galts tavern in 1783, August 6th, having served near three years above service, in succession – that his cap'n. to whom he belonged when discharged was named Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton], which discharge he filed in the office at Richmond, when he obtained his bounty land, which he has received – all which will appear at the office in Richmond, Virginia – 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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 that I have an old, infirm & helpless wife, with one daughter liveing with me, that I am now so far advanced in age & visited with infirmetys that I am utterly unable to make support for myself or family by manual labour and if not releived by the bounty of the Government which I contributed to establish, must, depend on individual charity the following being the whole of my effects except bedding & wearing appearal, towit.

One cow	\$10.00
pots & oven worth	3.50
little dresser ware not exceeding	<u>5.</u>
	\$18.50

Higgins hisXmark Coppinger (alias) Covvinger

[The following is among the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

These are to Certify that the Bearer hearof Higgins Coppinger a soldier in the 1st Virg'a Reg't. having faithfully served the United States of the 25th day of Sept'r 1780 & being enlisted for the war, is heareby Discharged from the American Armeý. Given at the war Office the 6th day of Aug't. 1783 by Order of the Secretary at war B. Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

Copy} [illegible signature] Maj'r

NOTE: A document in the file dated 4 Sep 1855 states that Coppinger died on 4 Jan 1832, and that the following were his surviving heirs, all of them widows: Mary Mitchell of Washington County; Nancy Harrell of Washington County; Elizabeth Mitchell of Sevier County. On 27 Sep 1855 Mary Mitchell applied for bounty land. She stated that Higgins Coppinger had served under Col. Thomas Posey.