

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Coggin S8238¹

Cynthia Coggin

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Georgia County of Gordon: On this first day of June A.D. 1854 Personally appeared in open Court William Coggin a resident of the County of Gordon and State of Georgia aged 99 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in the Army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and about eighty-one and served in the ___ Regiment of the foot commanded by Colonel ___ and in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Starke as Lieutenant and in the Brigade commanded by General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] in an expedition at Orangeburg seventy days Lieutenant of foot man, also he states that he served in an expedition at Four Holes seventy-two days, and under General Henderson [William Henderson] and forty-six days as Lieutenant of Horse on an expedition Wateree and Congaree [Rivers] making in all about six months and eight days and that he was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] and at Orangeburg, Four Holes, also at Wateree and Congaree, and that he was in the Battle at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780] and that he served at Choy old fields.

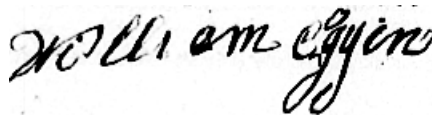
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

And he further more by these presents irrevocably constitutes, points and fully empowers William R Query and Henry H Walker of Stock Hill Georgia his true and lawful attorneys for him and in his name and stead to examine into prosecute to demand and to receive from the Government Officers of the United States all his rights in any manner of claims for Pension or money due him for his services as aforesaid from the Government of the United States Hereby confirming all that his said Attorneys made legally do in and about the premises.

In testimony whereof he has on this day and year first above written hereunto set his hand and seal.

Sworn Subscribed and acknowledged before me one on this first day of June and I do certify that I am disinterested in this claim to Pension

S/ Alex Stroup



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At the same time and place personally appeared Francis Weeks² a resident of the County of Gilmer in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law states on oath that Lieutenant William Coggin is the identical man who was in command of the baggage Waggon on the next day after the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at Ninety Six, the said Lieutenant William Coggins [sic] was there wearing a sword as an Officer, and the last that they or he saw him in service was at the Choy old fields. In Testimony he has hereunto on this first day of June hereunto signed his name

Sworn and subscribed before me the first day of June A.D. 1854

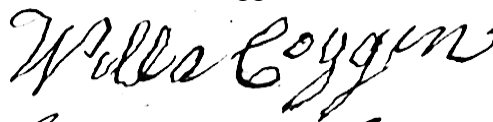
S/ Alex. Stroup, Ordinary

S/ Francis Weeks, X his mark

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State of Georgia County of Gordon: On this 2nd day of August A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Coggin, a resident of the County of Gordon in the State of Georgia Aged 99 Years, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, That the only reason why he did not make application sooner or at a more early period, is that he fought for Liberty, and not for Sucre [succor] or gain, of money, and that he formally thought he would never apply for a pension from the Government of the United States, as he believed that he was able to live without it, but that he has now become very old and infirm and unable to work, and that he has not the means to support himself and his old lady upon much longer, unless he obtains help from some source. And that from the last named facts, he thought he would rather make application to the Government he had helped to establish, than to ask help from any other source. And he further states that if it was not for the reasons above named he would never have claimed a pension. The above was interlined before it was signed.

S/ Willa Coggin



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State of Georgia County of Gordon: On this 29th day of September A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me James Shilnut [?] a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Coggin aged 99 years a resident of the County of Gordon and State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares on oath, That he was born in Barnwell District in the State of South Carolina on the 8th day of January A.D. 1755 and that his parents moved from there to Camden District South Carolina. That he was raised in the last named District. That he entered the Service of the United States in Camden District under Captain Thomas Starke. That he served in the Regiment commanded by Thomas Taylor, and in the Brigade commanded by Generals Sumter and Henderson [William Henderson], and that he was acquainted with General Ashe [John Ashe] in the time of his service in the Revolution, also knew General Nathaniel Green [Nathanael Greene], he does not now recollect who signed his commission, Captain Thomas Starke was present and gave him the list of commands as a guide for him at the time he received his commission as Lieutenant. However according to the best of his recollection the commission above named came through the hands of Colonel Thomas Taylor and he further states that the list of commands sent by his Agents Query and Walker to the

² [Francis Weeks W25934](#)

pension Office was the identical list of commands given to him by Captain Thomas Starke as above named and at the same was in Captain Thomas Starks own hand write [sic], and that his Commission above alluded to is lost or mislaid. Also he states that he had an Indent that was lost or mislaid about the same time. That he has repeatedly hunted for them but cannot find them. And for further particulars he refers you to his former declaration, papers and troops already on file in the Pension Office.

S/ Eliza Shelnut

S/ William Coggin

S/ James Shelnut, JP

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State of Georgia County of Gordon: On this 19th day of January A.D. 1855 before me James Shelnut a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared William Coggin aged 100 years a resident of the County of Gordon and State of Georgia, who being duly sworn according to law depose and saith on oath that his Father's name was Thomas Coggin, and that he the said Thomas Coggin died in the State of Virginia on or about the year A.D. 1775, and he further states that the said Henry Saunders to whom he gave an order for an indent was raised a neighbor to him in Camden District in the State of South Carolina and that Henry Saunders served in the same Company in which he served as Lieutenant being well acquainted with each other before they entered the service of the United States also in the War and afterwards, And he further states that Richard Yarborough was his uncle and also served in the same Company above alluded to commanded by Captain Thomas Starke and that he was well acquainted with the said Richard Yarborough for many years after the close of the war and transacted business with him and in fact lived near him until his death, And he further states that he has no papers in his possession that has his own signature to that is for many years back. That the receipts and other papers herewith enclosed have remained in his possession ever since their respective dates.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

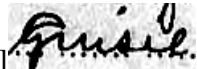
S/ James Shelnut, JP

S/ William Coggin

[p 13: On March 18, 1856 in Fannin County Georgia, the veteran, 101, filed for his bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act.]

[fn p. 17: On March 18, 1878, in Whitfield County Georgia, Cynthia Coggin, 72, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of William Coggin; she states he died December 24, 1863; that her name prior to her marriage was Cynthia Cox; that she married William Coggin on July 17, 1850; that they were married by Allen Hewitt of Gordon County Georgia; that she had been previously married to Abram Cox who died in 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 19: On August 13, 1880, in Jackson County Alabama, the widow, 73, filed again for her pension as the widow of William Coggins; in this application she adds the information that her

husband had been previously married to a woman named Grinsel [?] 

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South Carolina Camden district } William Coggin Lieut.

The Bearer hereof has occasion to Removed to the State of Georgia and has desired his former Neighbors to signify his Character agreeable to his Desserts. We therefore Certify to all persons to whom this present writing shall come that he the said William Coggin has lived in our State

this 15 years and has behaved himself in a very honest, just way of living and is in industrious Man and is Quite inoffensive person and has been a true friend to his Country certified under our hands this 5 day of December 1783.

Ralph Jones
Moses Knighten

Chas. Pickett, JP
Thos. Starke Capt
William Millar Lieut
John Hollis Luft [Lieut?]
Moses Smith
John Watts
Thom Roaden
John King
Jno Yarbrough
Moses Hollis
Jesse Stevenson
James Rutland

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John Starke Capt
 William Miller Lieut.
 John Hollo's Lieut.
 Moses
 John Watts
 Thos Row
 John King
 Jesse Steven
 J. James P. [unclear]

COGGIN, WILLIAM
 (S.C.)
 5-3737

[24: Appears to be the 'list of commands' which the veteran refers to in his application and which he says were given to him by Capt. Thomas Starke when he appointed veteran as his lieutenant. They are in such poor condition, I did not attempt to transcribe them, although many of them can be read.]

[pp 55-57: Notes of S. G. Dodge, Examining Clerk in the Pension office, summarizing the application and supporting documents. At the bottom of the last page of his summary, the clerk noted "I am afraid claimant is son of the man who served."]

[p 68: facsimile of the signature given by the veteran upon receipt of the payments due him under the indents issued for his services in the revolution.]

[pp 69-71: List of the indents issued to William Coggin for service in the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 4 months 22 days service as a Lieutenant in the infantry and for one month and 16 days as a Lieutenant in the cavalry of the South Carolina militia.]

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| South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to William Coggin | AA7 |
| Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1337 | |
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No. 56

No. 405 Book R

William Coggin for 188 days as Lieutenant in the foot and horse in 1781 & 1782

Amount £50.5.8 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina

| | To William Coggin | Dr |
|------|---|-------------------|
| 1781 | 70 Days duty Lieutenant foot on and Expedition at Orangeburg – at 35S [35 Shillings per day] General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade | £122.10 |
| 1782 | 72 days duty Lieutenant foot on and Expedition at four holes & Edisto at 35 S River General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Brigade | £126.0 |
| | 46 days duty Lieutenant Horse on an Expedition at Wateree and Congaree [Rivers] at 45/ General Henderson's Brigade | £103.10 £352.0 |

[Note: the following text has been heavily compromised but I believe the transcript is correct or nearly so]

The duty as mentioned above was done

S/ Thos. Taylor, Colo.

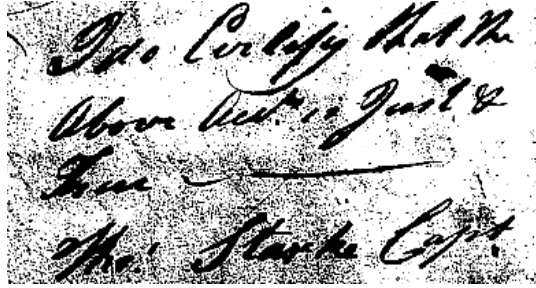


William Coggin made Oath that the Above Account is Just & true
Sworn to before me this 9th August 1784

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

S/ Charles Pickett, JP

I do Certify that the
Above Account is Just & true
S Thos. Starke Capt.



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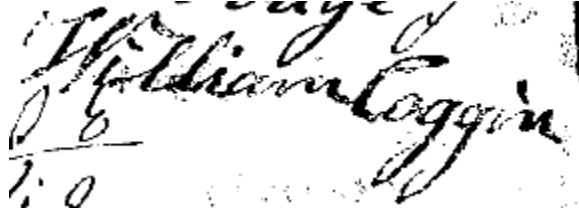
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Received the 3rd June 1785 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 405 Lib. R per order
S/ Rich'd Yarbrough

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Be pleased to Let the Barrer Richard Yarbrough have my Indent Lying in the office and you will
oblige your humble Servant

S/ William Coggin



William Coggin
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[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 405 Book R dated June 3rd, 1785]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent]