

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

Pension Application of Jesse Cornett S9193

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Henrico County }

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before John S. Ellis, Jesse Snead Samuel Pleasants & John L Bowles – justices of the court of Henrico County, now sitting, Jesse Cornett, a resident of said county, and state aforesaid, aged 70 years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, in 1778 or 1779, he thinks his first tour was under Capt. [Thomas] Prosser & at the time Mr. Mosby Pulliam [pension application S5957] first entered the service, as a militia man, being drafted; he then resided in the County of Henrico & has ever since, he cannot state with precision the officers under whom he served, and the order in relation to each other, he recollects the following named officers during his repeated services, to wit Capt [John] Brooks, Prosser, Wm. Mosby [William Mosby], Sam'l. Price [Samuel Price], William Price, John Price, Cols. Selden, Marsdale, Southall, Pleasants and Innis, —, and under the command of them all or the most of them he served at different times, and he continued to serve until the close of the war, making altogether more than two years service, he thinks he was not at home one third of the time, from his entering the Army, to the end of the war. he was in no regular fought battle he was in a skirmish on James river, where the enemy took several vessels & employed partly in removing powder from a magazine vessel, until it was blown up by our own people. He marched principally in the lower part of Virginia, from about Richmond to Williamsburg, York, Rich Neck [in Richmond County] &c. & upon James River, and the County of Chesterfield. He arrived at York town just after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] in a company commanded by Capt'n Price, and guarded the prisoners part of the way to Winchester where he was discharged. He never served with any regular troops of the United States but for a short period.

He never had a discharge in writing, they were all by the word of mouth. and when discharged he was frequently called into service again in a few days.

He submits the accompanying affidavits in support of his statements.

He declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Jesse hisXmark Cornett

[Mosby Pulliam and Obadiah Griffin (S8614) certified that they had frequently served with and seen Jesse Cornett in service.]

Henrico County, Sct.

On this 3^d day of June 1833, personally appeared before Ina Sheppard, Lyd'l. Bowles Richard Adams & Jno. L Bowles, justices of the court of Henrico County, now sitting, Jesse Cornett, of said county, and made the following amended declaration on oath, being first duly sworn – in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Henrico county & has always resided in it – he has no record of his age. He knows of no minister of the Gospel, who can make a certificate in relation to his services, such as is required by the department, he lives but a few miles out of Richmond, & there is no minister nearer him, he lives & has always lived a very retired life, mixing very little with ministers or people, & this reason he gives for not getting the certificate of a minister. He never served regularly with any continental troops, he was tho' in company with them frequently, but made few, if any acquaintances either among the men

or officers. he is not now prepared to state the names of any of the officers with certainty, he no doubt knew many by sight, he was once however under the command for a short time of a Capt'n. Upshaw a regular officer he thinks, guarding prisoners to Chesterfield Court house & afterwards guarding the jail where they were confined – he being detailed from his company with others for that purpose. Mr. M. Pulliam, O. Griffin, John Mosby & Benjamin Sheppard residents of said County have testified & given certificates in relation to his services & the opinions in his neighborhood in relation to them. He knows no other persons who can prove his services than Mr. Pulliam & Mr. Griffin. he has no documentary evidence upon the subject of his services, if he ever had in discharge in writing he does not now know where it is, that he is of opinion he never had one.

And the said Jesse Cornet deposeth & saith that by reason of the length of time, his advanced age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and that in the capacity of a private all the time, to wit: For three months under Capt. Thos. Prosser. For three months under Capt. Jno. Brooks. For three months under Capt. Robt. Mitchell [Robert Mitchell] whose name does not appear in his former declaration. For three months under Capt. Joe Price [Joseph Price], name not in declaration. For three months under Capt. Sam'l. Price. For three months under Capt. Wm. Mosby – a tour of three months at the Magazine at Westham, under whose command he has no sort of recollection. Also a tour of three months in Richmond, under the command of whom, he cannot state & having no recollection of the officer. Besides these services he was repeatedly called out on shorter tours, indeed such was the harrassed situation of the country about Richmond & below it, that he was almost continually going on some military expedition – and for which services he claims a pension. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state whatever.

Jesse hisXmark Cornet