

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Corbit (Corbett) S9202 VA
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia } SS.

County of Southampton }

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Southampton now sitting, Samuel Corbit Sen'r. a resident of Nottoway parish in the county of Southampton, and state of Virginia, aged seventy three years, the 17th day of October next (agreeable to his register) 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the State of Virginia under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. I was enrolled in the militia in the (County of Isle of wight) at or about sixteen years Old, and in the couse of two or three months after, I was drafted into service under Capt. Johnson, and served a six weeks tower of duty. we were in this tower near Smithfield and the place called the rocks on James River. Colo. Book Wills [John Scarbrook Wills] commanded the Regiment; I then served a second tower under Capt. Daniel Herring and said Colo. Wills a part of the time in the counties of Isle of wight & Nansemond. I then served under Captain Wills in said counties. I then served two towers for myself, and one as a substitue for William Johnson, and was ordered to drive the waggon for the whole of those towers, as I was so little with the troops, I do not recollect the officers. After this I quit the waggon and took my musket and served a tower of duty in the County of Nansemond, at the places called Jericho and Murdaughs Old field. I cannot recollect the officer I then served on or two towers on the north side of James River in the Counties of York & Warwick, when I started on those towers I was under Capt. Mills Lawrence, but was transfered to other officers and was put under a Major Jones from near the mountains, who commanded some regulars & some Militia. The above named service was performed but a short time before the surrend of the British Army at York Town [19 Oct 1781]. I have given a statement of my services during the Revolutionary War as near as I can recollect, but I have no doubt but I served much more than is here designated some of the towers of duty was three months. I was never in any engagement, and he has no living witness to prove his services by. he was discharged from the service about two or three weeks before the surrender of the British Army at york Town, and returned home to the County of Isle of Wight and there remained for some years and then moved to the County of Southampton where he has resided ever since – as to the different times when he entered the service, the length of the Towers of duty, or many of the officers names, the lapse of time and the effect of old age it is impossible for him to recollect – he never had any written discharge, as it was not customary for the Militia in them days to receive them – that he resided in the County of Isle of Wight and alwas entered the service from that County and was drafted into service, and he thinks and believes firmly that he could not have served less time than two years, from the number of times he was called on.

That he has not documentary evidence, nor is there any person now living that he knows of, that he can prove his services by.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state of Teritory

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Samuel hisXmark Corbett

The annexed declaration of Samuel Cobbett to the objections to his original declaration the declarant says that from laps of time as he took no memorandum of the events tis impossible for him to be more explicit as to the periods of the war at which he served This he can state that he always served as a private in the

militia service and served in different towers at least two years The declarant cannot as previously stated from laps of time and infirmity be more explicit & cannot in attempting to do so violate his conscience the annexed certificate of Robbin Turner [Robin Turner, pension application S7766] is all the proof of the applicants service he can now obtain The declarant states that he was born in the county of Isle of Wight in the year 1759 the 17th day of October and has a record of his age now in his possession

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 12th of June } Samuel hisXmark Cobbett
1833 at Jerusalem as witness my hand & seal the }
Sam'l. Corbet Sr
day & date above written }

Virginia Isle of wight County,

This day personally appeared before us David Roberts and Augustus Ballard, two of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Robert Turner of the County aforesaid, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he has been in service in the revolutionary war with Samuel Corbitt, that he served a Tour of duty at Jericho of six weeks, and that Capt. James Johnson was his Capt. [illegible word] Book Wills was the Colonel, and Josiah Parker General, they being their commanding officers at that time, and at york a tour of fourteen days under the command of Capt. William Eley, as Capt. and one Major Jones, and further this deponent saith not. Given under our hands and seals this 8th day of June 1833