

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Reuben Coffe (Cofer) W1027 Gincey Coffe VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris and Will Graves. Revised 23 Dec 2018.

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Montgomery Circuit April Term 1818 [certified 3 Dec 1818]

Ordered that it be certified to the Department of War that satisfactory proof is made to the Court on the oath of Reuben Coffe aged 55 years, that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1788 [sic] under Capt [William] Kirtley in the Regiment commanded by Francis Taylor he continued as a Corporal in said Regiment the greatest part of the time, which was over two years, and was legally discharged at Winchester Virginia by Captain [Thomas] Porter which said discharge he has lost, and that he now stands in need of assistance from his Country, being reduced to extreme Want. It further appeared in evidence that said Coffe is infirm and in very indigent circumstances, and that he now stands in need of assistance from his Government for a support.

District of Kentucky – Montgomery County & Circuit

On this 4th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open court, (being a court of record for the circuit & county) a/sd Reuben Coffe aged 59 or 60 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May, 1820, that he, the said Coffe enlisted, for the term of [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1778-9 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by captain Kirtley in the regiment commanded by colonel Francis Taylor in the line of the state of Virginia on the Virginia continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until 1781 when he was discharged from the said service, in Winchester in the state of Virginia by Col Taylor, who discharged him and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except what was sent in his original certificate – upon which his Pension was granted –

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st 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 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.

The following is a Schedule of Reuben Coffers property – Real & personal –

1 st	He has no Land, nor House.	
2-	one Mare & Colt – value \$ –	\$50.00
	one Cow & two Spring Calves – \$	20.00
	Two Sows, & fifteen pigs – \$	10.00
	one bed – & \$	
	Household furniture value – \$	<u>20.—</u>

He say he owes a Judgment of £130 & costs –

He owes, on small Detts to Sundries – \$100

He has owing to him about 10—

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Meadows, Israel.
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[pp 5-6]

Kentucky Fayette County to wit

Reuben Coffe Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted in Virginia in the year 1778 for 3 years in the Company Commanded by Captain Parters [?]¹ in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental line Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor and he continued to serve in said service until the year 1781 at which time he was honorably discharged in Winchester and he has lost his discharge and has never received his land Warrant

S/ Reuben Coffe, X his mark

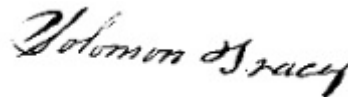
Sworn to and subscribed before me & I certify that the above named Reuben Coffe is a credible Witness so far as I know and believe. Given under my hand this 5th of September 1821

S/ O. Keen, J P

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Solomon Tracy appeared and made Oath that he was acquainted with the above named Reuben Coffe and knows that said Coffe Enlisted and Served in the Revolutionary War as he has stated in his Affidavit above – and that said Reuben Coffe was a reputable and honest man [as] far as this deponent knows and [p 7] believes

S/ Solomon Tracy



Sworn to and Subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County and I certify that the above deponent is a credible Witnesses on Oath as far as I know and believe.

Given under my hand this 28th of March 1822

S/ Wm Davenport, J P F C

Israel Meadows-Reuben Coffe 7 miles above Iles Mill on Licking
R Coffe

Israel Meadows

private 3 years

Reuben Coffe

private 3 years

1873 May Both claims allowed 3 years each private in Continental line

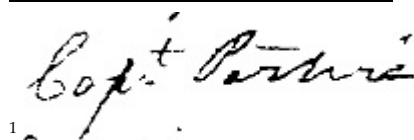
no warrants for Land Bounty appeared to have issued for the Services of Israel Meadows or

Reuben Coffe

Land Office

22 November 1822

S/ Wm G. Pendleton, Reg.



Certificates Issued
Not Drawn

[p 8: Reuben Coffey appointed Thomas Miller of Richmond as his attorney and agent to act on his behalf in obtaining his land warrant. The power of attorney was dated September 5, 1821.]

NOTES:

Col. Francis Taylor commanded the Convention Army Guard Regiment at Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville VA. The "Convention Army" was Gen. John Burgoyne's army, which was captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777, taken to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779, then transferred to Winchester Barracks in Feb 1781.

On 12 Sep 1853 Gincey Coffey (also called Jane Coffey), age 72, of Bath County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Reuben Coffey on 24 Feb 1826, and he died 28 Oct 1840. The federal file contains a copy of a bond signed in Bath County on 18 Feb 1826 by Reuben Coffey and Elijah Coffey (signed "E Coffey") for the marriage of the former to Gincey McClanahan. There is also a copy of the marriage return by Samuel Jackson. On an application for bounty land dated 15 March 1855 it was said that she was 73, and that her husband died on 28 Oct 1839. Her statement was certified by her son, Harrison Coffey.