

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Timothy Corn W1147

Elizabeth Corn

VA

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State of Kentucky } SS

Mercer County }

On this 1st day of September 1834 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of Mercer County now setting Timothy Corn, a resident citizen of the said County of Mercer and state of Kentucky, aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 – That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1780 in the month of March, himself and his fathers family, emigrated from near Brownstown in Pennsylvania, then called Redstone [Redstone Fort then considered to be in Virginia, now Brownsville PA], and landed at the mouth of Bear Grass near the falls of the Ohio [Beargrass Creek near present Louisville KY]. some time in the same month, upon our arrival we were informed by some of the men belonging to the Fort commanded by Colonel Linn [sic: William Lynn at present Lyndon KY] that if we did not immediately hurry to the fort, and take shelter therein, that we would all be killed by the Indians. we succeeded in getting into the fort. He the s'd Timothy was enrolled by order of Colonel Linn in Capt Richard Chenowith company as one of the guards of the fort, being burnt by the Indians on every side during the summer and fall of the same year 1780, we continued fortified up untill the ensuing winter, some time in December when we had to remain at the Port holes of the fort night and day untill the winter came on and the Indians retired, during the time we were fortified up in Linns fort 12 or 14 persons were killed, principally hunters, Our principal hunter Phillip Young was killed a short distace from the fort. The names of the others he does not recollect, he commenced his service in the Fort under Capt Chenowith and Col. Linn in March 1780 and continued in close confinement entill December of the same year, when this deponent was discharged by order of Col Linn and himself and his Fathers family removed to near McGarys fort on Shawnee run now Mercer County [Hugh McGary's Station near present Braxton] and was enrolled by Capt John Gordon, and drafted in the Spring of 1781 to serve a Tour of one months at Dentons Fort [Thomas Denton's Station just N of McGary's], situated right among the Indians. This Tour he served under Captain Gordon, Col. Trigg was our Commander, who was killed in the Battle of the Blue Licks [Stephen Trigg, 19 Aug 1782], I was discharged from this Tour and returned home, and in a short time after he was again drafted in Capt Gordons Company and marched to McAfees fort on Salt River [probably James McAlee's Station near present McAfee] when he served another Tour of one month, and was discharged and returned home, by this time his Father had succeeded in building a Small Fort. He remained with his Father about two months, assisting him with his crop, he was again drafted under Capt Gordon to serve another Tour of one month at Dentons station or fort Col. McGary was our princip[al] commander, he served out his Tour faithfully & was discharged and went home and was enrolled in Capt McMurtry's company and drafted to serve a Tour of one month at Bryants Station [Bryan's Station near Lexington KY], which Tour he served faithfully and returned home, Captains McMurtry and Gordon being killed by the Indians, Captain James Ray succeeded to the command in the place of Capt Gordon; he was again drafted in Captain Woods [possibly John Wood] Company and served a Tour of one month under him at Dentons Station in the fall of the year 1782, he farther states that he served two other Tours at Dentons Station during the year 1782 under Captain Woods, besides these Tours of duty he served often with the scouting parties. As to the lenght of time engaged with the scouting parties it is impossible for him to tell, he will here recapitulate his service in 1780 he was in actual service fortified up as a guard at Linns Station or Fort nine months, in 1781 he served four Tours of duty as a drafted soldier, he solemly swears that he served upwards of sixteen months hard service, he

knows he received regular discharges from his officers, but being unable to read or write, they are lost or destroyed long since. Indeed he thought they would never be of any service to him. The militia in this Country were principally directed & commanded by Gen'l. Ge[page damaged: George Rogers] Clark, it was by his direction that the forts were guarded and the men drafted, he recollects Capt John Bailey [possibly John Baley or Baily, pension application R19354] a regular officer in this Country with Clark, he has no documentary evidence shewing his service and he knows of no persons living near here by whom he can prove all of his service, but as before stated he knows he served as faithful as any other man upwards of sixteen months in the war of the Revolution for the Indians in this Country were considered allies to the British, he does not recollect the particular months he served as a drafted soldier at the deferent stations

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid Timothy hisXmark Corn

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The Deposition of General James Ray [pension application S31314] taken at the clerks officer of Mercer County, on the 1st day of September 1834 to be read before the secretary of War in behalf of the Revolutionary claim of Timothy Corn for a pension This Deponent being of Lawful age and first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath State. That he is well acquainted with the said Timothy Corn who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration That he became acquainted with him in 1781. We both belonged to the same company commanded by Capt. Gordon he the said Ray was the Lieutenant, he well recollects that corn served under Capt Gordon at Dentons Station or Fort and that there were guards kept constantly at the stations named by him in his declaration, That he does not now recollect the number of Tours of duty Corn served at the deferent Stations named he knows he was in the service but the precise time he cant say, he knows the soldiers were drafted in 1781 & 82 for one month, and he is fully satisfied that the said Timothy Corn served faithfully the time set forth in his declaration The s'd. Timothy Corn is reputed to be a man of as much truth as any other, and he is fully satisfied firm what he has heard That he served faithfully at Linns Station or Fort near the falls of Ohio, as he states in his declaration; This Deponent states he is seventy three years of age and he knows that himself and Corn were young men together and he has no doubt but Corn is the age he represents himself to be, he will farther state that said Corn is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a faithful and brave soldier, and a willing one too, in the war of the Revolution and farther sayeth not.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs'd. [signed] James Ray

NOTE: On 6 April 1853 Elizabeth Corn applied for a pension stating that as Mrs Elizabeth Yeast she was married on or about 17 July 1831 in Harrodsburg KY by a Methodist minister named Head to Timothy Corn, who died on 21 Aug 1848. She also stated that her eldest son married the following April, that his first child, a girl born 18 months afterward, would be 20 years old in Oct 1853. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 23 June 1831 by Timothy Corn and George G. Click for the marriage of Corn to Elizabeth Yeast.