

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Corbin W1237 Sarah Corbin VA
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State of Virginia }
Culpeper County S.S. }

On this 14th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County now sitting George Corbin a resident in the said County and State, aged sixty nine 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 act of Congress passed the 7 June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated

That he was born on the 28th day of November 1763 in the County of Culpeper Virginia, as appears from the family Register, that he lived in said County when he served in the Army has done so ever since, and still does, That he first entered the service in the month of May 1781 being drafted and marched under the command of Colonel John Thornton and Captain Duncan, Lieutenant R. Stallard [Randolph Stallard, pension application S6165] first to Daindridges [sic: Col. William Dandridge's] old field twenty miles above Richmond where he joined the main army under Marquis LaFayette

That he returned with the forces under the Marquis to Raccoon Ford in Culpeper [Raccoon Ford, 6 June], where they waited for General [Anthony] Wayne when they all again left, and soon after marched through various Counties finally to Malvin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], where he was discharged, having served the entire tour making about three months, when the tour ended Colonel Allcock commanded.

That in the summer of the same year 81 he again went into the service as a substitute for David Corbin of Hampshire County, was then commanded by Captain Cunningham of Colonel Dark's Regiment, and marched towards Richmond, and circling about in that neighborhood observing the movements of the enemy finally was placed in the Hospital of the widow Neals near Ruffins ferry, in King William [near present Sweet Hall] where he remained until after the siege of York [19 Oct 1781], when he was discharged by breaking up the army – That the disease with which he was afflicted was ague and fever and that he suffered much that this tour was three months. That he was not again in the service; that he never received a written discharge being discharged with the company he belonged to. That he can prove the above service by the certificate of William Jorden and Daniel Triplett [W6308]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the pension Roll of the agency of any state or Territory
George Corbin

We William Jorden and Daniel Triplett of the County of Culpeper Virginia, hereby certify that we knew George Corbin who makes the above Declaration, in the Revolutionary service, that we served with him during the term which he mentions as commencing May 1781, and that he continued in the service till the tour was out and was discharged with us some time in the summer under the Command of Colonel Allcock; and further, that though they were not in the same detachment with him during the last tour he mentions, they always have understood that he performed that service, that it was so reputed and believed in the neighbourhood and that they concur in that opinion.

William Jorden
Daniel Triplett

And the Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath, and which he answered as is hereinafter recorded Viz.

Question 1 Where, and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Culpeper Virginia on the 28th day of November 1763, and have continued to live in that County ever since

Question Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer I have in the Family Bible.

Question Where were you living when you were called into service, where have you lived since, and where do you now live

Answer I have said I was born in Culpeper, and had lived in that County ever since, and of course I entered the service as a citizen of Culpeper, and now live there – When I substituted in the Hampshire troops they were on their march, and I joined on the edge of Fauquier County

Question How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer I have said in my Declaration that I was drafted in one tour and substituted in the other. I was substitute for David Corbin of Hampshire.

Question State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such as Continental and Militia Regiment as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer I have stated the officers under whom I served, such as Captain Duncan, Colonel Thornton &c. I was commanded by Lafayette, and knew Muhlenburg [sic: Gen. Peter Muhlenberg], General Washington &c. I have mentioned circumstances connected with my service in my Declaration

Question. Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service and if so by whom was it written and what has become of it?

Answer, I never did receive a discharge; the Regiment was all discharged together.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.?

Answer I might name Major John Roberts, Colonel Pierce Perry and others – the Court can enquire of Gentlemen now in Court, the fact of my service appears from the Certificates of Jordan and Triplett.

State of Virginia }
 Culpeper County } SS

On this 18th day of February 1833, before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, personally appeared George Corbin of said county and being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith, that, in his declaration for a pension, made in the county court of Culpeper on the 14th August 1832. in speaking of the time of his first tour commencing May 1781 and ending at Malvin Hills, he used the word “about” three months, because he did not recollect exactly whether it was not longer. That when they were ready to be discharged they were unexpectedly detained a considerable time to await reinforcement. That he is positively certain that that tour was at least three months, and with the other (three month) that he served in all full six months and a half but is contented to let them count six – & That no Clergyman lives in his neighbourhood at this time.
 Given under my hand this day and year first above written.

NOTE: On 21 April 1853 Sarah Corbin, 91, of Rappahannock County VA applied for a pension stating that she married George Corbin on 15 Dec 1814, and he died 20 Feb 1840. On 22 March 1855 at age about 94 she applied for bounty land. A document in the file states that George Corbin died in Rappahannock County, which was formed from Culpeper County in 1833.