

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ralph Cowgill (Coghill) W1389 Mary Cowgill VA
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Revolutionary Claims.

Form of a declaration to be made by the Non-Commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Ralph Coghill of [blank] in the County of Anderson in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private soldier in Captain Harrison's Company, in the [blank] Regiment, of the Infantry Virginia but was taken to drive a wagon as I got my back broke continental Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States.

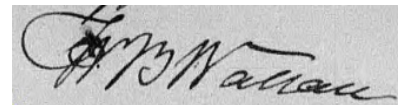
Witness my hand, this 18th day of March in the year 1832 Ralph hisXmark Cowgill

Note. The most convenient Branch Bank of the U.S. is at Lexington

The most convenient Post Office is at Lawrenceburg but write our friend Thomas Triplett jr Frankfort

[Undated] I know nothing of Ralph Cogwall's service in the Revolution, in support of his claim for a Pension, he is defective as to the Regt he served in, the officers & their ranks &c but there seems to be some apology for that as he says he was drafted for Eighteen month, rendezvous at Petersburg, and was then ordered to take charge of a wagon & team, served in that capacity in the Southern Department, was at the siege of Ninety Six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and afterwards at the siege of York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] from where he drove his wagon to the north to aid the French troops to their ships at Boston where they embarked which may account for the little knowledge he seems to have of Regimental affairs W. B Wallace

[probably William B Wallace S42612]



State of Kentucky } Sct
Bullett [sic: Bullitt] County }

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the for Bullett County Kentucky personally appeared William Cardwell [W8590] of said County and made Oath he was a revolutionary soldier and now on the pension roll and served to the close of the revolutionary war. And first enlisted in the same company with Ralph Coghill now of Spencer County said Ralph Coghill served to the end & close of the war braving his back the building of a fort, he was made on his recovery a wagoner in which capacity he served to its close this said Cardwell is a man of credit, and to be relied on – this 5th day of April 1832

[The following is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Coghill, Ralph. The file also contains copies of the above documents.]

To the governor & counsel of the state of Virginia respectfully represent. your petitioner Ralph Coghill a Citizen of Anderson County Kentucky respectfully represent, that he was a soldier in the revolution and as such served to the close of the war & supposes himself entitled to bounty land from the state of Virginia, if so pray the same. reference to the evidence Thomas Triplett/ Agent

NOTE: On 12 Apr 1853 Mary Cowgill, 55, of Camdensville KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Ralph Cowgill on 30 Jan 1821, and he died in Oct 1836. On 28 Mar she applied for bounty land. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on Franklin County KY on 30 Jan 1821 by Ralph Coghill and Richard Fountaine for the marriage of Coghill to Polly Poindexter.