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Pension Application of Augustine Comer W18945 Cortreen (Catharine) Comer VA
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At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 21st day of July 1818

Augustine Comer who is 61 years of age and who has lived in the County of Monroe & State of Virginia [now West Virginia] for the last 22 years personally appeared in Court (being a Court of Record) and declared upon oath that he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private soldier under captain Langly [sic: John Langdon] in Shenandoah County and state aforesaid and was attached to the 12th Virginia Regiment then under Colo. Nevil [sic: John Neville] and Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott's] brigade in the Revolutionary War & served in said War 4 ½ years and was discharged about 3 weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], but the precise time he enlisted & the date of his discharge, (which is lost) he cannot state, but knows he served the aforesaid time and was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 June 1778] & Stony point [16 July 1779] & was afterwards taken prisoner at Charleston [12 May 1780], & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, & from his reduced circumstances & infirmity he stands in need of his country's support & that he has never been a pensioner in the State or United States

Virginia At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 15th day of June 1819

Augustine Comer who by Virtue of a Record from this Court, bearing date the 21st day of July 1818 having made application for a pension, was disappointed in the acceptation of the same because of the Objections following to said Record – 1st "Let the applicant shew the time he entered the service" – 2^d let him shew the time & manner of leaving it" – 3^d Let further evidence be given of the facts stated in said Record" – 4th Let the line in which he served be expressly stated" – the said Augustine Comer this day personally appeared in Court, (The same being a Court of Record) & being first duly sworn states that he enlisted in the service of the United States as well as his memory now serves him, on easter monday in the year 1776 or 1777 that his enlistment took place in Shenandoah County in the state of Virginia & that he was enlisted by John Henry or John Hendrick serjeant to the company commanded by Captain Langly & that he belonged to the same company, & that his Company was attached to the 12th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colol. Nevel that he was discharged at Charlston [sic: Charleston] South Carolina after having faithfully served out his time, that his discharge was signed by Gen'l. Scott, & that the same has been lost, that he carried it with him in his pocket a long time & lost it in the woods when fighting against the Tories. That after his said discharge & before he left Charleston he was taken prisoner by the Brittish & was kept as such for about two months, when he made his escape, that after having made his escape from the Brittish, he as a Volunteer joined Gen'l. Marian's [sic: Francis Marion's] light horse & afterwards served in Gen'l. Sumpters [sic: Thomas Sumter's] light Horse after this was under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] & so continued in the service until about three weeks before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] when he was permitted by his Officer to return home, that during his enlistment he served as a regular Soldier on the Continental establishment in the 12th Va. Regiment commanded as aforesaid. That he has no further evidence now in his possession of said services that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of his countrys support.

Virginia At a Court of Quarter Sessions held for the County of Monroe the 20th day of June 1820

On this 20th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, Augustine Comer aged about sixty three years, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war on the

continental establishment as follows in the Regiment Commanded by Cornel Nevil in the company commanded by Cap't. Langly that he enlisted on easter Monday in 1776 or 1777 in Shenandoah County in the state of Virginia that he made a declaration on the 21st day of July 1818 which not being sufficient he made a second declaration on the 15th day of June 1819 and that he has received a pension certificate dated the 6th day of July 1819 number 12556 & I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and and that I have not nor has any person in trust to me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than that which is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of the property to wit one cow one old gun five one year old hogs two old hogs one axe one pot, one skillet one oven & lid two water pails, six plates, three tin pans, one pewter basin, one set knives & forks five small tin cups, three chairs, one sugar box, one paper box Debt on John Rains amounting to twelve dollars & fifty cents but Rains not worth any thing as I have had an execution in the hands of an officer for five or six months who states he cannot get the money Debt on James Stodghill amounting to ten dollars 75 cents which is good I have no particular occupation, when I was able to work I followed grubbing and other kinds of work on farms &c. I have none of my family living with me only my wife who is about sixty two years old Value of property \$39.75 Augustine hisXmark Comer

Debts	<u>23.25</u>
	\$63.00

NOTES:

A typed summary in the file states that Comer escaped after being held prisoner about two months at Charleston, then joined Gen. Francis Marion's Light Horse and also served in Gen. Thomas Sumter's Light Horse.

On 27 Sep 1847 Jacob Comer, John Comer, John Peters, and his wife Sally Comer Peters, heirs of Cortreen (alias Catharine) Comer, applied for a pension, stating that Cortreen Comer was the widow of Augustine Comer who died 22 July 1824, and that she died 11 April 1841 in Mercer County. The listed the following as their siblings and heirs: Elizabeth Miller, Catharine Ball, Frederick Comer, Barbara Comer,, and Michael Comer. This application included a copy of the marriage return showing that Augustine Comer married Cortreen Rush in Shenandoah County on 23 April 1782.