

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Cobia W21233

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State of South Carolina City of Charleston

On this 10th day of April personally appeared before the Recorder of the said City at the City Court of Charleston now in session at Charleston Margaret B. Gruber a resident of the said City of Charleston in the District of Charleston State of South Carolina aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1776, And the Act explanatory of said Act passed the 3rd day of March 1837: That she was married to Daniel Cobia who was drafted on or about the 25th day of January 1779 into the service of the State of South Carolina during the revolutionary war, and sent out of the City of Charleston towards Beaufort in a Company commanded as this deponent believes by Captain Lushington [sic, Richard Lushington], that he continued in service, until the 3rd day of February in the same year, and was on that day engaged in the battle² at Beaufort under General Moultrie [William Moultrie], and from that time continued in said service, out of the City, until he returned with General Moultrie's Army retreating before General Prevost [sic, Augustine Prevost] into the City, and from thence until after the said General Prevost had retired from the neighborhood of the City of Charleston, until after the attack made by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] on the British lines at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], which happened on the 20th day of June in the same year. This deponent says she does not know and does not think that the said Daniel Cobia was with General Lincoln's Army at the attack on Stono, but believes he marched out of the City under General Moultrie when he landed on James Island to cooperate with General Lincoln, but arrived too late.

And this deponent further saith that the said Daniel Cobia was in the City of Charleston during the whole of the siege³ of the said City by Sir Henry Clinton, and did duty as a Militia man during the whole siege, until within a few days of the surrender, just before which he was taken prisoner over at Haddrell's Point whither he had been sent under the orders of the Military authority in the said City, and that he remained a prisoner of war until after the 14th day of July 1780 when he took protection in consequence of having taken the smallpox, and this deponent further saith that she is very old and her own memory does not furnish her with dates above mentioned, but she is informed that the histories of the Country show the said dates to be correct

¹ former widow

² This engagement is more customarily referred to as the Battle of Port Royal Island
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

and that she knows that the facts stated to be correct, and that she claims a pension for the whole time of said services to wit, five months the first term in 1779 and four months the second term in 1780, in all nine months service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Cobia on the 17th day of June 1777: that her husband the aforesaid Daniel Cobia died on the 28th day of January 1794: that she was afterwards married to the Christian Gruber who died on the __day of December 1813, and that she was a widow on the 4th day of July 1836 and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before

S/ Jacob Axson

S/ M. B. Gruber



State of South Carolina Charleston District

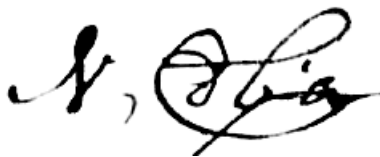
Personally appeared before me Nicholas Cobia⁴ a resident in the City of Charleston and the District and State aforesaid aged 78 years, who being duly sworn saith that Daniel Cobia deceased was his older brother and was engaged as a militia man in the action at Beaufort on the 3rd day of February 1779, as this deponent very well knew and recollects, as he this deponent was at the time of said engagement with another detachment of the same Army, on the opposite side of the River. And this deponent further says, that he understood at the time and verily believes that his said brother Daniel Cobia, was at or near Stono at the time of the action there, in arms as a militia man; but whether he was at that time with General Lincoln's Army or with the Charleston militia who landed at James Island under General Moultrie and marched to Stono, he this deponent cannot say, as he this deponent was at that time in another part of the Country.

And this deponent further says that Margaret B Gruber was the wife of his said brother Daniel Cobia, and was married to him sometime before the engagement at Beaufort and that his said brother Daniel Cobia died some time in the year 1794; and that his widow Margaret afterwards married Christian Gruber, who died many years before the year 1836.

Sworn to before me this 9th March 1838

S/ Edward McCrady, NP QU

S/ N. Cobia



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia.]

⁴ [Nicholas Cobia W22843](#)