

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Coffman W6943 Chloe Coffman MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

District of Kentucky Ss.

On this Twenty sixth day of November 1821, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Casey and district aforesaid Jacob Coffman aged sixty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th march 1818, and 1st May 1820, that he the said Jacob Coffman enlisted for the term of three years on the first day of April in the year 1777 in the state of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt. Bolsel [sic: Charles Baltzell] in the 2nd regiment commanded by Col. [Ludowick] Weltner in the line of the state of Maryland on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of three years, at which time he again enlisted in the same corps under the same Capt. and Col. and in the same regiment and line, and that he continued to serve until the winter of 1782 when he was taken prisoner at the Utaws Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs] in South Carolina in a skirmish with the enemy under Capt. Bolsel, but as Col. Weltner had resigned the regiment was commanded by Col. John Stewart [see endnote].

That he was in the battles of Monmouth in the Jersey [28 Jun 1778], the battle Shemong [sic: Chemung NY, 29 Aug 1779], the battle of Newtown Point [same battle] and the battle at Little York when Wallace was taken [sic: Siege of Yorktown when Cornwallis was taken, 19 Oct 1781] as also the skirmish at the Utaws in South Carolina when he was taken prisoner; and that he has no other evidence, now in his power.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and 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 that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz

one horse worth twenty five Dollars	say	\$25.00	
one Cow worth ten Dollars	say	10.00	
one heifer worth eight Dollars	"	8.00	
fifteen hogs worth eighteen Dollars	"	18.00	
one table worth two Dollars	"	2.00	
one pot worth three Dollars	"	3.00	
one small Oven worth one dollar		1.00	
one small Pot worth seventy-five cents		<u>.75</u>	
Total amt. sixty seven Dollars seventy-five cents.		\$67.75	Jacob Coffman

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, Jan'y 5th 1822.

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Jacob Cauffman enlisted as a pvt in the German Maryland Regiment, on the 21st day of April 1778 and was on the 1st Aug't 1780 present
Thos. Karney Auditor General, State of Maryland.

NOTE: On 12 Dec 1853 Chloe Coffman, 58, applied for a pension stating that on 24 Dec 1826 she married Jacob Coffman, who died on 2 June 1840. On an application for bounty land dated 21 April 1855 she stated that the marriage occurred on or about 1 Nov 1826, and that her name before the marriage was Chloe Richards. A power of attorney with the application was witnessed by Frederic Coffman.

I could find no record of a skirmish at Eutaw Springs SC in the winter of 1782. The British regular forces had left South Carolina on 14 Dec 1782, but there may have been some skirmishing with loyalists. Coffman may have been referring to the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC on 8 Sep 1781, but it is difficult to see how he could have been taken prisoner there and still been present at Yorktown VA for the surrender of Cornwallis.