

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Corbett W9806      Elizabeth Corbett      NC VA  
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State of North Carolina }  
Onslow County      } Ss

on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1832 A.D. personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Onslow County No Ca now sitting – John Corbett a resident of Onslow County No Ca aged seventy six who being first duly sworn on the Holy Bible according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This applicant being about 22 years old in Isle of Wight county Virginia, where he was born, was drafted, for three months & under Captain William Bridges, Col John Lawrence & James Johnson ensign rendezvoused at Smithfield town in Va from whence he marched to near James River & crossed at a place called Mackay's Mill [Mackie's Mill] & then went to Portsmouth where we remained in the Fort at windmill point for three months. After this we returned home our time being out – this was in 1777. About six months after this applicant moved into North Carolina & into Northampton County where he was again Drafted under James May. We marched to Halifax & met other troops there & then all together marched to Kinston upon Neuse River & staid there untill he got a discharge from General [Richard] Caswell. We were in no battles. Served all together six months in these two first drafts. After this I was drafted again under one James Sikes out of Northampton County & started to go to the South & we had come only about 30 miles when this applicant became too unwell to travel from the rheumatism & returned home. Served on this last Campaign about one month.

This applicant has no documentary evidence of his services except the enclosed affidavit. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

John his)(mark Corbett

Interrogatories

1. Q. where & in what year were you born.  
Ans. In Isle wight Cunty in Virginia & does not recollect the year
- 2<sup>d</sup> Have you any record of your age & where is it?  
Ans. I have none here they are in Va.
3. Where were you living when called into sevice where have you lived since the Rev'y war & where do you live now  
Ans. I was living when called out in Isle Wight Co Va next in Northampton Co No. Ca. & the second time drafted this State still lived in Northampton & now live in Onslow for 40 years
4. How were your called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer & or were you a substitute & for whom  
Ans. I was Drafted three times.
5. State the names of some of the officers you served under.  
Ans. Captain William Bridges the first draft. Lieut James Johnston – the second draft was drafted under James May, Lieut the 3 time James Sikes commanded &
6. Did your ever get a discharged from the service & by whom, & what has become of it?  
Ans. Received one only from Gen'l Caswell & it is lost
- 7, State the names of the persons in your neighborhood to whom you are at present known & who can testify to your character & his belief of your services  
Ans Thomas Fay – David Gornto & John Evans & Uriah OOhner[?].

John his)(mark Corbett

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The claim of John Corbit for a pension having been returned he comes into Court this day the sixth of November to file his amendatory declaration.

He states 1st that he knows of no one to whom he can apply to prove his actual service except Ephraim Powers [pension application S7332] who lives in New Hanover on Catfish, except the proof he has already made.

2<sup>d</sup> He served under John Eaton, a Colonel three months – In Pitt County was drafted – went to Halifax & marched thence to the South – (was drafted) in 1779 thinks

3<sup>d</sup> He served three months in Virginia at the beginning of the war in 1777 under Col. Jno Lawrence [John Lawrence] & William Bridges Captain & James Johnson Ensign (was drafted)

4<sup>th</sup> Was drafted in Pitt again & was gone from home better than 3 months – but got lame was in the army only about six weeks – was discharged in Kinston under Gov'r R Caswell who gave me a discharge

5<sup>th</sup> Swears positively to seven months & upwards.

6<sup>th</sup> The papers shall be tied & sealed John his)(mark Corbet

NOTE:

The file contains an inventory of the property of John Corbett, who died on 10 March 1840.

On 21 May 1844 Elizabeth Corbett, widow of John Corbet, was said to be 50. On 19 Jan 1858 Elizabeth Corbett, 62 or 63, stated that as Elizabeth Blake she was married to John Corbett by Rev. Lemuel Hardison in Onslow County about 1827. On 10 Nov 1859 she was said to be 56, and was said to have been married in New Hanover County NC to John Corbett, who died on 10 March 1843.