

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cordill (Caudill) S30344

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State of Kentucky, Perry County

On this 12th Day of August 1833, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Perry County now sitting, James Cordill, a resident of said county and state, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law and on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States shortly before General Gates' defeat at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], SC as a volunteer for three months in Wilkes County, North Carolina, where he served in Captain John Morgan's Company in Col. Ben Harris' [Major Benjamin Harris'] Regiment, in the line of the State of North Carolina. From Wilkes he marched to the mouth of Rocky River, then back to guard the frontiers of Wilkes against the Tories and Indians, and after serving out his term aforesaid, he was honorably discharged at the mouth of Rocky River in Wilkes County, North Carolina by Col. Noah, who then commanded the Regiment shortly after Gates' defeat. On this route he does not remember any regular officers. Sometime before the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] he again volunteered for three months in Wilkes County, where he served in Capt. Samuel Johnson's Company, Col. Cleveland's [Benjamin Cleveland's] Regiment in the line of the State of North Carolina. His Major was Allen. He marched from there to King's Mountain and was in hearing of the Battle but in the foot party just reached the Battle in time to receive the prisoners as they were taken. He remembers to have seen Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and General Campbell [William Campbell]. He was marched back to Wilkes County. After serving out his term of service he was honorably discharged by Col. Cleveland in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

He was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He has long since lost his discharge. He lived in Wilkes County, North Carolina where he served in the War each time. Since the Revolution he has lived in Wilkes and for years past in Kentucky, where he now lives. He recollects General Green [Nathanael Greene], General Gates [Horatio Gates] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Rolls of the agency of any State nor has it ever been. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Cordill¹

Stephen Cordill² of Perry County and State of Kentucky on oath in open court declares that he is the brother of the above James Cordill and that he knows of his personal knowledge that he served as

¹ The handwriting of this signature is identical to the handwriting for the entire application. Consequently, I am of the opinion that this is not the actual signature of the veteran but rather is the rendering of the signature by the scribe who wrote out the application.

² [Stephen Cordill \(Caudill\) R2315](#)

by him described in his aforesaid declaration, being himself a soldier with him.

S/ Stephen Cordill³

Roger Turner⁴ resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 years upon his oath in open court declares that he knows of his own knowledge that James Cordill served a tour of three months as described by him above to Kings Mountain and that he has always known him to be a man of good reputation and a man of truth.

S/ Roger Turner⁵

We, Daniel Duff, a clergyman, and Benjamin Webb and Elijah Combs, residing in the County of Perry and State of Kentucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Cordill, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 80 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Daniel Duff

S/ Elijah Combs

S/ Benjamin Webb

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Daniel Duff, who has signed the preceding certificate, is a clergyman resident in the County of Perry and that Elijah Combs and Benjamin Webb who has also signed the same is a resident in the same and are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Jesse Combs, Clerk of the County Court of the County of Perry, State of Kentucky, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of James Cordill for a Pension, his testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 12th Day of August 1833.

S/ Jesse Combs

Clerk of the Perry County Court

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service in the North Carolina militia as a private.]

³ See note 1 above—same impression

⁴ [Roger Turner S14737](#)

⁵ See note 1 above—same impression

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Addendum to James Cordill (Caudill) S30344

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[The [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) include a file for James Cordill labeled “Not Half Pay.” The only informative document in the file is a power of attorney signed on 4 July 1843 in Letcher County KY by William Cordill, Isham Cordill, Thomas Cordill, Sarah Cordill, Henry Cordill, Sampson Cordill and James Cordill, heirs of James Cordill, for the purpose of receiving the pension due James Cordill from 4 September 1837 to 30 May 1840, the date of his death.]