

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Osbourn Coffey (Coffee) W8612      Mary Coffey      f82VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Kentucky County of Casey Sct.

On the 8th day of February 1830 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Court of the County of Casey being a Court of record Osbourn Coffey resident in the said County aged about seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Osbourn Coffey enlisted for the term of two years on the 14th day of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel J Cabbell [Samuel Jordan Cabell] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until he was by command attached to Colonel Morgan's Regiment and served in said Corps until the 14th day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the service in the County of \_\_ in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – about 18 years ago I had a stroke of the Dead palsy which appeared so severely on my system as to render me incapable of attending to my Occupation & I put the management of my farm &c in the hands of some of [my] children which reduced my small capital & of course involved the greatly indebted either by contracts directly for me to pay or their securities in which case I have been so frequent & for such large sums it has and will take all property which I laid up for a support in my old age together having to employ one of my daughters for several years as a housekeeper & nurse for me at a high rate she had demands against me for which she has caused all I now have & am at this time & have ever been ready living upon her charity, another reason when I was able to support myself I thought it wrong to as the government for it. I have one horse bridle & saddle worth \$35, one cow & calf \$8, one plow, hoe, ax & plain gears &c \$5, Household & Kitchen furniture \$10 total \$58.

S/ Osborn Coffey –

My Occupation a farmer but have not been able to follow it for 18 years owing to a stroke of the dead palsy, my family consists of my wife Polly who is about 69 years old very much afflicted with pains & other diseases which old women are subject to by no means able to support herself and to contribute to my support – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my

property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property – & changes in my property since the 18th of March 1818 and not now owed by me will be shown in the following

<b>Description of Property</b>	<b>names of the persons to whom disposed of</b>	<b>Time of sale</b>	<b>amount of money or description of property received in return</b>
225 acres of land 75 acres with a small tenement	Jesse Coffey	February court 1829	Sold by the Sheriff of County by execution against me as security for Mat. Coffey to David May four \$118 as will be seen by a certificate of the Sheriff
The balance of the land 175 acres is now under execution to satisfy a debt to Commonwealth Bank against me as surety for Richard Coffey contracted in 1821 for money drawn out of the bank which will be sold for that purpose & likely not bring more than the debt & calls which will be seen by Sheriff's certificate			
One Negro girl named Mary	J S. McCormack	March 1819	Sold for \$500 and this was used by my family in discharge of some debts
For other Servants David & Astor both old & infirm Rachel infirm & John likely [?] To Horse Beasts & [indecipherable word] Cattle, sheep & Hogs	Lucy Coffey	Those negroes were sold to my daughter together with my small stock as here stated for money I owed to her for services as stated in the part above written.	

And in addition to the several foregoing of us I do swear that I am not able to attend personally in Court by reason of my debilitated state of the palsy & severe Gravel Complaints  
S/ Osborne Coffey<sup>1</sup>

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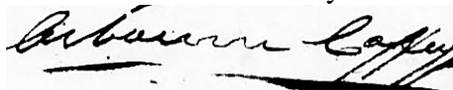
State of Kentucky County of Casey: SS

On this 22nd day of December 1832 personally appeared before me John Riffe one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Casey, Osborn Coffey a resident of Casey County & State of Kentucky aged seventy-four years the twenty ninth day of July next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he entered the Services of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, on the 13th day of February 1776 he enlisted under Captain Sam Cabbell in

<sup>1</sup> The copies of the application and schedule appearing in this file are certified by the clerk of court as being true copies of the originals in his files. Consequently, the signatures are not those of the veteran but of the person who copied the files.

Amherst County Virginia his lieutenants were Rose & Taliaferro & Ensign Barnett who marched us to Williamsburg Virginia, the Regimental rendezvous, the Col. of said Regiment was Philip Buckner Lieutenant Colonel Elliott called the 6th Regiment of Virginia on the Continental establishment where we remained until the latter part of the fall following then we were marched to the North and joined General Washington's Army on their retreat from Long Island & continued with him was at the taking of the Hessians at Trent town [Trenton December 26, 1776] was in the Battle at Prince town [Princeton, January 3, 1777] and in the course of the next spring or summer was with Captain Cabbell's Company attached to Colonel Morgan's Regiment of riflemen with whom he served until discharged which was on the 13th day of February 1778 at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania was at the taking of Bagoing [Burgoyne?, if so, that engagement occurred on October 7, 1777] & In many other hard Battles & skirmishes, he entered this service of the United States the second time in Amherst County Virginia on the \_\_\_ day of October 1779 as Sergeant in Captain [illegible name<sup>2</sup>] Company, was a volunteer, Captain [same illegible name] marched us to Hillsboro North Carolina where we joined Colonel Abraham Buford's Regiment who marched us to Salisbury where we joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] remained under the Command of General Green until discharged on the last day of December 1781 at Camden in South Carolina for 18 months making in all a term of service of three years & five [?] months. Was in the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] & Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] all in the year 1781 – he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can at this time procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State except at Lexington State of Kentucky or at the City of Washington, which was ordered to be [indecipherable word] the 12th day of last March by Lewis Cass Secretary of War, which warrant has never been present [presented] to land agency, & no parts whatever [indecipherable word] & that it may be fairly understood that he relinquishes all claims to the said warrant it I hereby enclose to the said Department from which it [indecipherable word]. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Osbourn Coffey



[p 12: On April 8, 1844 in Casey County Kentucky, Mary Coffey, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Osbourne Coffey a revolutionary soldier; that she married him February 18, 1783; that he died March 31, 1840.



[p13: Jesse Coffey gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he is the oldest child of the veteran and his wife and that the family record indicates he was born May 26, 1784.



<sup>2</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as "Yewal" and speculated that the officer's name was "Ewell."

[p 15: copy of a marriage bond issued February 16, 1783 issued to Osburn Coffey and John Jones conditioned on the marriage of Ozburn Coffey Bachelor to Mary Nightingale Spencer daughter of Mathew Nightingale, issued in Amherst County Virginia.]

[p 34: reference in the file to a daughter of the veteran named Lucy. p 67: reference to a deed of sale made by the veteran to this daughter Lucy Coffy [sic] of 4 slaves named David, Ester, Rachel and John.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$110 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 18 months and service as a private or six months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 4-page file

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Kentucky Casey County Sct.

Osborne Coffey of Casey County Kentucky personally appeared before me James Allen a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that in February 1776 he entered in Amherst County Virginia in the Revolutionary War under Captain Samuel Jordan Cabbell of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and was transferred in June 1777 to Colonel Morgan's Regiment of Riflemen which he served from that time until February 1778 for the space of two years from his enlistment & was then Honorably discharged from Services he therefore prays a warrant for the Bounty Lands which he was entitled to for the Services aforesaid

S/ Osbourn Coffey



William Moore makes oath that he was well acquainted with Osborne Coffey who has made the foregoing affidavit and knows that he did serve as stated in his affidavit, that he the said Moore enlisted and served in the same Regiment at the same time and was discharged at the same place and at the same time with said Coffey having remained in service upwards of two years. Sworn to this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July before me

S/ James Allen, JP for Casey County

S/ William Moore



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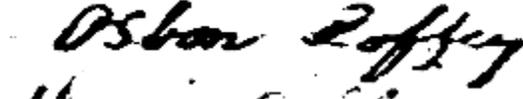
State of Kentucky Casey County to wit

This day Osbon Coffey personally appeared before me Ben W. Napier a Justice of the

Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Captain Samuel J Cabell's Company in the sixth Virginia Regiment on the Continental Line, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner and that he continued to serve in said service until said Enlistment was expired at which time he was commanded by Captain Benjamin Taliaferro and Colonel Daniel Morgan and that he served out his time for which he enlisted and was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and through the course of time he has lost his discharge and he never has received his Land Warrant for said service

S/ Osbon Coffey

OSBON COFFEY LAND WARRANT FOR SAID SERV



and I certify that the said Osbon Coffee [sic] is a Credible witness on oath. Given under my hand this 26 August 1824

S/ Ben W. Napier, JP

State of Kentucky Casey County to wit

This day William Moore personally appeared before me Ben W. Napier a Justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that he was very well acquainted with the above named Osbon Coffey while he was in said Service and knows that he did Enlist in [several indecipherable words] as he has just stated in his above and foregoing affidavit and that he served out his time for which he enlisted as is stated above and was [text written over and in small indecipherable handwriting] land warrant for his service.

S/ Wm Moore

[attested by Napier on August 26, 1824]

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State of Kentucky Casey County to wit

This day William Moore personally appeared before me Ben W Napier a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Captain Thomas Patterson's Company and served under Captain Samuel J Cabell in the Sixth Virginia Regiment on the Continental line commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner and that he continued to serve in said service until said Enlistment was expired at which time he was commanded by Captain Benjamin Taliaferro and Colonel Daniel Morgan and that he served out his time for which he enlisted and was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and through the course of time he has lost his discharge and has never received his Land Warrant for said service

S/ William Moore

Sworn and subscribed before me,

Given under my hand this 26 day of August 1824

S/ Ben W Napier, JP

State of Kentucky, Casey County to wit

This day Osbon Coffey personally appeared before me Ben W Napier a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was very well acquainted with the above named William Moore while he was in the above named Service – (Regiment) and he recollects that he

did Enlist and rendered Service on the Continental line in manner and form as he has Just Stated in his foregoing affidavit and that he served out his time for which he enlisted and was honorably Discharged as he has stated.

S/ Osbon Coffey

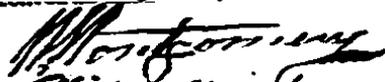
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26 day of August 1824 and I certify that the said Osbon Coffey is a credible witness on oath Given under my hand [page cut off and text missing]

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State of Kentucky Lincoln County to wit

This day William Montgomery personally appeared before me J C Thurman a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he enlisted in the Virginia in the year 1776 for 3 years in Captain Samuel Cabell – Company – in the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental line, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner and that he continued to serve in the said service until said Enlistment was expired at which time he was honorably discharged as well as he recollects it was at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania by General Weaden [George Weedon] and Colonel Parker and he never has received his Land Warrant for said Service.

S/ W Montgomery<sup>3</sup>



Sworn and subscribed before me and I certify that said William Montgomery is a credible witness on oath. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1824

S/ JC Thurman

[Osbon Coffey gave the identical supporting affidavit as he gave in the case of William Moore]

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<sup>3</sup> [William Montgomery S16981](#)