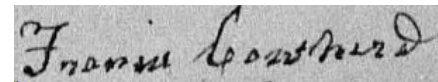


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Pension Application of Francis Cowherd W6721 Lucy Cowherd VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Francis Cowherd of the County of Orange in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Captain in the second regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22nd of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780. Witness my hand this 23^d day of June in the year 1828.



[The following are included in the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do hereby Certify that Capt. Francis Cowherd of 2^d Virg'a. Regim't. acted as Adjutant to the 2^d Virg'a. Detachment from 20th of June 1781 to the date hereof Inclusive. Given at Salisbury [NC] this Eighteenth day of Jan'y 1782 S Snead [Smith Snead] Maj'r. Comm[andan]t/ 2^d Virg'a Detach't.

I do Certify that Capt. Francis Cowherd was appointed an officer in the Virginia Cont'l. line the 8th May 1776 has ever since continued in actual service. Jona'n Clark [Jonathan Clark]/ 11th March 1782

I do Certify that Francis Cowherd Capt in the 2^d Virg'a Continental Regmn't of Inf'ry was appointed an officer the 29th day of Jan'y 1776 and served till the end of the war Is intitled to the additional bounty of Land given a Capt for seven years service. Gus't. B. Wallace [Gustavus Brown Wallace]
Given this 14th day of Feb'y 1784 Lt. Colo 2^d VR

I do Certify that Capt Francis Cowherd entered into the Service of the State Virginia in September Seventeen Hundred and Seventy five and continued in the Revolutionary Army till the Close of the War With Great Britan

Test

William W. Johnson

Martin Johnson

Henry [illegible]

Wm. White [William White] Late Capt in the Virg'a

Contin'l line

27th May 1808

[Three illegible words] for the services of Capt Francis Cowherd for three years

Wm Price Reg'r/ June 1 1818

NOTES:

The file includes copies of various accounts naming Francis Cowherd.

On 22 Aug 1838 Lucy Cowherd, age 75 in the previous March, of Orange County, applied for a pension stating that she married Francis Cowherd in August 1787, and he died on 25 March 1833. The file contains a copy of a bond signed in Orange County on 13 Aug 1787 by Francis Cowherd and John Scott for the marriage of Cowherd to "Lucy Scott, Spinster." On 11 April 1843 she applied for an increase in her husband's pension because of his additional service as Adjutant. Garritt Scott, a justice of the peace, drew

up a document by her dated 25 Sep 1843.

A document in the file certifies that Lucy Cowherd died on 31 July 1847 leaving the following children: Francis K. Cowherd, Mary S. Cowherd, Lucy Cowherd, and John S. Cowherd. Garritt H. Cowherd, the first child, was born on 15 April 1788. Charles Scott witnessed her will.