Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Corbin VAS3146

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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

To the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia

The petition of William Jenkins and Anna his wife, late Anna Corbin, respectfully represents that William Corbin, late of the County of Culpeper enlisted a soldier in the Virginia troops during the War of the Revolution, for a term of three years service, that he died before his return from that service, and being unmarried left no heir, except your petitioner, Anna his sister. That he received no compensation for his said services during his life, nor have your petitioners received any since his death, and they respectfully ask that you will allow them such compensation in land or money as the aforesaid services of William entitled him to demand of the State of Virginia and they respectfully refer to the accompanying deposition of Joseph Weakley as proof of the said service &c.

State of Virginia

Rappahannock County Sc

Be it known that on this 21st day of June 1843 Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Joseph Weakly aged seventy eight years and made oath in due form of Law that he was well acquainted with William Corbin and that he well recollects that in the early period of the revolutionary war he was present when the s'd corbin enlisted for three years under one John Graves who was then recruiting in the County of Culpeper and that he understood he was to march under Cpt. George Slaughter [W8729] to the South and that he heard afterwards from his uncle who went in the same service that the s'd Corbin did march to the south and was his mess mate and that [before] he had served his term of three years he the s'd Corbin died before he reached home and he knows that he never married and that his only surviving relative is Anna Jenkins who [two illegible words] Corbin his sister who intermarried with William Jenkins. that they are his near neighbors by whom he has lived all his life that they are now near eighty years of age and in great poverty [signed] Joseph Weakly

Rejected/ Ja. McD [Gov. James McDowell]./ Dec'r 9 1843

To His Excellency/ John B Floyd Esqr Governor of the Commonwealth of Va.

Your Petitioner Hannah Jenkins only heir of her Brother, William Corbin enlisted soldier of the revolutionary War from Culpeper County, Represents to your Excellency, that some few years past, your petitioner presented to the then Executive of this state her claim to her deceased brothers services in the Revolutionary war and it was rejected. She now Respectfully solicits at your hands a reconsideration of said claim, and offers in evidence in support thereof the affidavit of William Smith [S7548] a soldier in said war, who enlisted in the same company, and performed the service with my brother.

The claim of my brother is established by the rolls of army together with the evidence of Wm Smith in his behalf. In conclusion I respectfully ask your reconsideration of said claim. And your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Hannah herXmark Jenkins

The affidavit of William Smith of Rappahannock County State of Va a soldier of the Revolutionary War and now in the 95 year of age. Taken this 26 day of March 1850.

This affiant says that William Corbin a soldier of the Revolutionary War enlisted in the year 1775 in the county of Culpeper at the same time with this affiant, and was in the company Commanded by Capt George Slaughter of the Continental line from Va, and this affiant says that said Corbin was either killed or died in the service, that he never returned home to the neighborhood where he was raised to my

knowledge after his enlistment expired, I having been a resident of the neighborhood where he was raised ever since the war. and farther this affiant sayeth not Given under my hand this 26 day of March 1850. William hisXmark Smith

 16^{th} Sept 1850/ Add'1 to allow for a service of three years. Allowed for a service from the 1^{st} of Oct 1775 until the close of the War J B Floyd