

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cornett (Cornitt) W6723 Mary hq11Va.

Transcribed by Max Bostic (*supplemented by Will Graves*)

State of Kentucky, Perry County

On this 12th day of August, 1833, personally appeared in open court before this Justice of the County Court of Perry County now sitting William Cornett a resident of County & State aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer (as he now believes in the year 1779) for the term of six months in Buckingham County Va. under Capt. Anthony Winston in the Reg't. commanded by Col. Skipper [*perhaps Lt. Col. Henry Skipwith*], Jones was the Major, his Lieut. was Arch Walker Ensign John Garraway, SARGEANT STEPHEN BOSTICK on the line of the State of Va. under Gen'l. Lawson [*Robert Lawson*] of Prince Edward County - in this town he marched through Buckingham down to the Eastern Shores & Continued in Service until his term of six months expired when he was honorably discharged at Maubin Hills [*Malvern Hills*] in Va. in 1780 by Capt Winston. On this route he remembers no regular officers. He afterward in 1780 as he believes was drafted for six months in Buckingham County, Va. where he then lived and served under Capt. Sanders Maj. Garraway Col Patterson, his Lieut. was Anthony Hockett Ensign Thos Gregory. From Buckingham they marched down to the Eastern Shores in State where he remained in service until his term of six months expired when he was honorably discharged by Capt Sanders at the White Oak Springs 1781 near Little York shortly before Lord Cornwallis was taken [*October 19, 1781*]. He remembers on this route Gen'l Washington and other regular officers but don't recollect their names. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his service as aforesaid. He was born in Henrico County Va. His discharge, he has long since lost. Since the Revolution he lived in Va. & for many years past in Kentucky where he now lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the Agency of any State.

S/ William Cornett

[*Daniel Duff, a clergyman, and Robert S Brashears & Stephen Cordell gave the standard supporting affidavit.*]

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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' or 'undciphered' 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. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 8: On May 31, 1850 in Letcher County Kentucky, Mary Cornett made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Cornett, a

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<sup>1</sup> See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050036 Not Half Pay William Cornett

revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Washington County (now Tennessee); that she has no record of her marriage but her parents informed her that she was 22 years old when she married William Cornett and that she is now 80 years old; that sometime during this month 58 years ago she married her husband William Cornett; that her husband died 14 years ago on November 26; that she and her husband had 10 children; that she has no record of the ages of her children but that those now living are Sally Macdaniel, Polly Bashears, Robert Cornett, Nancy Combs, Rodger Cornett [spelled also as Roger Cornett], Rachel Cordill, Samuel Cornett, Nathanael Cornett, Joseph Cornett. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On June 3, 1850 in Perry County Kentucky, Ely Combs gave testimony that he did not witness the marriage of William Cornett deceased to Mary Everage [in another portion of the affidavit her name is written Mary Everage] but lived close to them both before and after their marriage; that they lived together as man and wife; that affiant was 21 years old when William Cornett married Mary.]

[p 46: On April 12, 1851 in Perry County Kentucky, Elijah comes, 81, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Cornett and his wife Mary; that they were married in 1798 having had 2 children prior to their marriage viz. Robert B and Roger Cornett; he signed his affidavit with his mark. p 80: affiant amends his statement to indicate that he, affiant was married in 1798 and that at the time of his, affiant's, marriage, William and Mary Cornett had 2 children Robert and Roger and that William and Mary were married before 1798.]

[p 19: On July 16, 1853 in Perry County Kentucky, Robert B Cornitt [sic] gave testimony that his father William Cornett and his mother Mary were married in the year 1796; that he, affiant was born January 17, 1798

*Robert B Cornitt*

[p 26: On January 22, 1853 in Owsley County Kentucky Sally (Sarah) Stapleton, 90, gave testimony that she knew William Cornett and Mary Everage before their marriage at least 60 years ago; that Mary lived in the same neighborhood with the affiant; that Mary had 2 children before her marriage to William Cornett, the 1<sup>st</sup> child was Sally who married Thomas McDaniel and the 2<sup>nd</sup> was Polly who married Robert S Brashears, Probate Judge of Perry County Kentucky; that Sally and Polly were illegitimate and were not the children of William Cornett; she signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 130: On January 25, 1853 in Perry County Kentucky Thomas Cody gave testimony that he was born in 1783; that he has known Mary Everage ever since he was a small boy; that the affiant's grandmother Judah Stacy raised Mary from a child until she married William Cornett; that William Cornett was then a middle-aged man and had children [by a prior marriage] & that Mary had 2 children before she married Cornett but she was never married before she married Cornett; that her 2 children born prior to her marriage to Cornett were Sally & Polly; that Mary was married at the house of George Morrison he thinks in Sullivan County Tennessee by Squire Gaines, justice of the peace; that Mary Everage was an orphan raised by the affiant's grandmother.

*Thomas Cody*

[p 141: On January 26, 1853 in Perry County Kentucky Archibald Cornett gave testimony that he was born in 1789 the reputed son of William Cornett; that he knew Mary Everage before her marriage to the affiant's father; that the affiant's mother died when he was very young; that affiant always called Mary "mother"; that Mary and his father had the following children, Robert, Nancy, Roger, Samuel, Nathanael, Rachel, Joseph and an infant who died. He signed his affidavit with his mark

[p 14: Facts in file as set forth in a letter summarizing the contents of this file: the veteran married for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in April 1796 to Mary Everage who was born in May 1770; the name, date of marriage and date of death of the veteran's 1<sup>st</sup> wife is not given; Mary Cornett died January 28, 1852; veteran died November 26, 1836 in Perry County Kentucky; the only child born of the veteran's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage identified in the file is Archibald Cornett born January 12, 1789; in this letter, the children of the veteran and his widow identified as follows:

Robert Bustard born January 17, 1798, married Louisa or Louvisa Combs January 1822

Margaret born in 1789 or 1799, died in infancy

Roger married Polly Lewis

Nancy married Samuel Combs

Samuel married Polly Adams

Nathaniel married Lydia Caudle

Rachael married John Caudle

Joseph E married Sally Brown]

[p 125: Samuel Combs gave testimony in Owsley County Kentucky on November 9, 1854 that William Cornett died November 26, 1836; that Mary Cornett died January 28, 1852 in Perry County Kentucky leaving the following children, Robert, Nancy, Roger, Rachel, Samuel, Nathanael, and Joseph all of whom are now living and over 21 years of age; that the affiant is the son-in-law of Mary having married Nancy Cornett. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Note: Anyone interested in the genealogy of this family should read the file for himself or herself as there are a number of other documents in the file which would shed light on matters of family history in addition to those excerpted herein.]

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Addendum to William Cornett (Cornitt) W6723

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[[Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) has a file for William Cornett inscribed “Not Half Pay.” The only informative document in the file is one dated 3 July 1843 stating that William Cornett died in Perry County KY on 26 November 1839, and his widow, Mary Ann Cornett, was living in Letcher County KY.]