

Edward or Edmund I cannot now say certainly) – James Cowherd and myself were at the time enlisted soldiers in said Company. We were marched thence to New Castle in Delaware, where we received the Small Pox [inoculation], & where we were detained some time. As well as I now recollect we joined Washington Army early in June of that year at Middle Brook in New Jersey Said Cowherd was some time after detached with my Brother Thomas Barbee then a Lieutenant in the same Reg't and Company, to Virginia on the recruiting service, from whence he returned sometime in the spring of the year 1778 – A vacancy of Sergeant occurring in said Company sometime afterwards said Cowherd was appointed to fill it in which rank he served in said Company and Regiment till towards the close of the year 1779 when my term of service expired, when I was discharged. he still remaining in service in the same rank to the end of his Term. Said Tenth Regiment was at first commanded as before stated by Col. Stephens, who resigned sometime in the year 1777, and it was afterwards Commanded by Col. John Green. Said Reg't was during Green's Command reduced from the Tenth to the Sixth James Cowherd of whom I speak has resided in Green County Ky. upwards of Thirty years past, near to the residence of my Brother Elias Barbee [S12972], now present, and is older than myself by one or two years. I on this day commenced my 72nd year – [sic] Joshua Barbee
[Elias Barbee stated that James Cowherd came to his fathers house in Virginia as a Sergeant in the recruiting service under his brother, Lt. Thomas Barbee.]

State of Kentucky }
Green County Sct } [20 Dec 1832]

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Cowherd who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of the length of time, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state positively as to the precise length of his services in his different grades set forth in his previous affidavit, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than three years and two & half months as stated in his previous declaration and the period mentioned below, he served in the following grades to wit

He enlisted on the 14th January 1777 and served as a private until the last day of June in the same year, being five months and sixteen days – and from the first day of July 1777 he served as orderly Sargent until the last day of March 1780 being two years and nine months

And for which service I claim a pension. This affiant states the word winter is used to Identify the time he returned to the army at valley forge, and not when he was appointed orderly sargent, as will be persieved by inspecting Elias Barbees affidavit and my declaration he further states he was released or exchanged 25 February 1780 but not discharged from the army until last of March or first of april thereafter
[signed] Jas. Cowherd

[James Cowherd's discharge, signed by Col. Richard Parker, is illegible in the online image from the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#). The following are more legible.]

Certify that James Cowherd Inlisted with me in the 6th Virg'a Continental Reg't the [part missing from online image] Jan'y 1777 for the term of three years, which [missing] he faithfully serv'd
[missing] April 83 John Gillison Capt/ 6th Virg'a. Reg't

1st Aug's't. 1783

Rec'd of Colo. Thomas Merrewether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] a Certificate to Obtain James Cowherd's land warrent F. Cowherd

Petition for bounty land.
James Cowherd – Sergt C. L.

Joshua Barbee, a Revolutionary Soldier, and a credible witness, says that James Cowherd was in the Va. Cont'l line in Feb'y 1778 in service as a Sergeant in the Company of Captain John Gillison – that he enlisted for three years, & served out his time of enlistment.

James Cowherds name is on the [two or three illegible words]. He received £72.7.9 the bal. of his full pay as Sergeant Resp'ly submitted/ John H Smith Comm &c/ May 21st 1834

To his Excellency/ Jas Tazewell

[Joshua Barbee made another supporting statement on 6 Feb 1834.]