

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Cofer S15787

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Missouri }
County of Ste. Genevieve [Sainte Genevieve] } Ss:

In the County Court of Ste. Genevieve County, State of Missouri, on the third day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, (being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings) George Cofer, who being duly sworn, on his oath says; That in the year 1776 he entered as a private in what was called the 1st Virginia Regiment, that John Green was the Captain of his company when he enlisted, but was soon promoted to the office of Major, and Captain Richard Taylor was then his Captain. The names of the field officers, other than Major Green, are now forgotten by this affiant:

This affiant further says that he is now 75 or 76 years of age – that he enlisted as above stated, for six months, served out his time, and was honorably discharged.

This affiant further says, that he again enlisted in the first Virginia State Regiment, in March 1777, for three years, as a corporal, in Culpepper County, State of Virginia – was enlisted by Lieutenant Ricker, served a short time under Captain Nicholas, and the remainder of the time under Captain John Hunter Holt. That the Colonel of his Regiment was George Gibson. That he was a Corporal at the battle of Monmouth in New Jersey [28 Jun 1778], and at the taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]. That he served about two years and ten months, being discharged at Fredericktown, in Maryland.

This affiant further says, that in March 1781, he was drafted for 18 months in the Militia, but served in the line. That after Cornwallis went into York [1 Aug 1781], there came a Light-horseman, with power to receive the services of horsemen, from the Line – that he joined the troop, and served under Captain [James] Gunn, in Colonel [Anthony Walton] White's Regiment, the balance of 18 months.

This affiant further says, that he removed from Virginia to Kentucky in the year 1789, and thence to what is now the County of Ste. Genevieve State of Missouri, in 1819 – that he received honorable discharges for the above three terms of service, but in removing or otherwise has so lost or mislaid them, that he cannot now exhibit them, & from his great age & distance from the places where he enlisted and served, he is unable to procure witnesses to his actual service. This affiant further says that he is now a resident of the County of Ste. Genevieve & State of Missouri.

George Cofer

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: George Coffey/ age 22/ height 5' 8"/ dark hair, light eyes, fair complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Culpeper County where he was drafted on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months/ previously served 3 years in the 1st State Regiment. Sized on 29 Apr 1781.