

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Corbin S30949

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State of Kentucky Bourbon County Sgt.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court for s'd. County of Bourbon now sitting Lewis Corbin (a minister of the Gospel) being a resident of the Count and State aforesaid aged 78 years the 4<sup>th</sup> of April last past 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 Jun 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

In the month of October 1775 I entered the service of the United States as a private militia man in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County State of Virginia. That I entered the service a volunteer minuteman but I believe I did enter for any particular period. That I served in the company of Capt John Jamison [sic: John Jameson] of which Gabriel Long was the Lieutenant and David Jamison [David Jameson] was the Ensign. That the Regiment was commanded by Col. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], but I do not recollect the names of any of the the other field officers, but I recollect that Col. Abraham Buford was then the Captain of one of the Companies belonging to the same Battallion. We marched from Culpepper County, to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where we remained several weeks and then one half of the Battallion was sent across James River and we marched to the Great Bridge where we remained until after the Battle [9 Dec 1775] and I recollect that Col. Charles Scott who then commanded a regiment joined us before the Battle and that his regiment was in the Battle. We were then marched to Norfolk where we remained until after the Burning of that place [1 - 2 Jan 1776]. The following spring or beginning of summer we were marched to Suffolk where we remained for some time. From there we were marched to marched to Williamsburgh and from there permitted to return home. That I served at this time a tour of eight months at least as a private soldier in the Virginia militia, but I do not recollect at what particular time I was discharged nor do I recollect whether I got a regular written discharge or not.

In fall 1776 I again volunteered as a minuteman and private soldier in the County of Culpepper and State of Virginia to serve in the militia of s'd. State but not for any definite period. I do not with certainty recollect the names of any of the Officers with whom I served but I think the Company to which I belonged was commanded by Capt John Green. We marched from Culpepper to Williamsburg and from there to James Town and there we acted as a guard to to watch James River as the British ships were at that time cruising on the River. At James Town I was taken sick with the fever and ague and permitted to return home on furlough where I lay sick six months and when I recovered I was not again called into the service. This Tour including the time I lay sick and was at home on furlough amounted to at least nine months. I do not recollect exactly the time when I obtained the furlough nor do I believe that I got any written discharge. In summer 1780 [sic] I was drafted into the militia as a private soldier for three months in Culpepper County Virginia and served out my Tour in the Company of William Staunton of the Virginia Militia Immediately after I was enrolled I was appointed a sergeant in Capt Staunton's Company and served in that capacity during the whole of the Tour. We marched from place to place between Richmond and Williamsburgh until we were driven by the Enemy into Orange County Virginia and encamped at a place called the Raccoon Ford [on Rapidan River]. There we were reinforced [by Gen. anthony Wayne, 8 Jun 1781] and the Enemy retreated and we followed them and encamped at a place called the Mobbing Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where my Tour of three months expired and I returned home, but I do not recollect that I got any discharge nor do I recollect exactly at what time I returned home but I am satisfied I served out my whole Tour. General LaFayette was the highest officer in command at that time and General Anthony Wayne Col. [William] Dark, Col. Allcock, and Col Matthews [sic: Sampson Mathews] were the principle officers that I now recollect. In the Latter

part of the same year I was again drafted as a private Militiaman in the same County to serve a Tour of three Months in the Virginia Militia and was immediately appointed a sergeant and served in that capacity during the whole Tour. I was marched from the place of enlistment to the Falls of the Rappahannock River to guard a place called Hunter's Forge [1½ mi above Falmouth] and remained there some time and I think we staid there until the expiration of the Term of service. I think there were no field officers with us during that Tour and I think I belonged to Capt Wm. McClanahan's [William McClenachan's] Company of Virginia Militia but I do not recollect the name of any other officer belonging to the detachment. I do not recollect exactly at what time I was discharged and I do not believe I got any written discharge. In the fall of the year 1781 I was again drafted as a private soldier in the the same County to serve another Tour of three months in the Virginia Militia and was immediately made orderly sergeant of the Company and served in that capacity during the whole Tour. I belonged to the Company of Capt Hankinson Read of Col. Elias Edmond's Regiment. Thomas Spilman was Lieutenant and Thomas was Ensign of the Company. During this Tour I was at the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and at the surrender of Cornwallis after which we were retained in the service for the purpose of guarding the prisoners to the place of destination. I served out my Tour but do not recollect that I got any discharge nor do I recollect exactly at what time my Term of service expired. I have no documentary evidence of my services, that I do not exactly recollect at what time my several periods of service expired and if I ever had any discharges I have lost them as I have none now in my possession. That there is no other Clergyman residing my neighborhood and I do not believe any Clergymen can certify or knows anything about the reputation or belief in my neighborhood of my having been a soldier of the Revolution. And I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not upon the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. The following questions were propounded by the Court. 1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born? Have you any record of your age? 3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when you were called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were in the troops where you served and such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? 6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? 7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

To the first I answered that I was born in King George County, State of Virginia on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1754. To the second I answered that I have a record of my age in a Concordance of the Scriptures now in my possession to the 3<sup>rd</sup> I answered that I was living in Culpepper County Virginia when I was called in to the service and resided there until 1797 when I removed to the State of Kentucky and have resided there ever since to the 4<sup>th</sup> I answered that I volunteered twice and was drafted three times but was never a substitute The 5<sup>th</sup> is answered in the Body of my declaration. to the 6<sup>th</sup> I answered that I never did to my recollection receive any discharge from the service. To the 7<sup>th</sup> I answered that I am known to Abner Shropshire, Robert Scrogin in my present neighborhood and who can Testify as to my character for veracity and their belief as to my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to a subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] Lewis Corbin

[Shropshire and Scrogin stated that Corbin had been "a preacher of the gospel for the last thirty or thirty five years."]

The amended declaration of Lewis Corbin in the Scott Circuit Court this 31 day of May 1833. He states that he served at least the following length of time at each tour as stated in the body of his declaration which he now amends & now refers to & makes a part of this amended declaration Viz the first tour, when he volunteered in the year 1775 under Capt John Jameson he served at least eight months. See his

declaration, which gives the detail & see the affidavit of Col Abram Buford who served as a Captain in the same volunteer Corps he prove at least eight months. The second tour he volunteered as discribed in his declaration, & he actually served three months, the bal. of the tour he was sick at home making in these two tours Eleven months – the third tour under Capt Wm. Stanton was for three months & he faithfully served the 3 months See his original declaration, in this tour he served as a Seargeant making 14 months – the next tour he entered for & served three months under Capt Wm. McClannahan. See the original declaration for detail – making 17 months – the next tour was for three months which he served out faithfully at the taking of Cornwallis & guarding prisoners under Capt Hankerson Reed See original declaration making twenty months this tour he served as orderly Sergeant in all, actual service and that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he can not be more minute & particular as to his services, but he is certain & positive that he served at leas twenty months in the five tours as above stated & for such service I claim a Pension – He refers to the proof of Capt Burch [Joseph Burch, pension application W12388], who was also at the Siege of York also  
Sworn to in open Court May 31, 1833 [signed] Lewis Corbin

The Affidavet of Col. Abraham Buford

Scott County Kentucky taken at his own House the 1<sup>st</sup>. first day January 1833 he being duely sworn sayeth that in the year of 1775 he was personally acquainted with Lewis Corbin and in the summer of that year the Culpepper Minute Battalion was imbodied in which I was appointed Captain wherein I recollect said Lewis Corbin was inroaled in said Battalion in the latter part of said summer or in the begining of that fall he Corbin marched to Williamsburg in said Batalion where we continued many weeks from which place half said Battalion and said Corbin with them was crossed over James River and marched to the great Bridge where they remained until after the Battle there they were marched to Norfolk where they remained until after the burning of Norfolk the following spring or begining of summer when we were marched back to Suffolk where we remained some time from there to Williamsburg From which place permitted to return home during all which time of service the said Lewis Corbin remained in service with part of the Battalion This affiant is therefore authorised to say that the said Corbin in said tour must have served eight or nine months

This Affiant is Eighty three years old and Further saith not [signed] A. Buford

NOTE: On 3 July 1854 John R. Corbin of Henry County KY, child and heir of Lewis Corbin, assigned power of attorney to obtain any pension still owed for the services of his deceased father.