

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Coghill S35860

VA

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

Fourth Judicial District of Kentucky Sct

On this 16th day of November 1819 before me the subscriber [Samuel McKee] Judge of the Circuits Courts for the District aforesaid personally appeared James Coghill aged 61 years resident in Gallatin County in said District who being by me first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to Obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That he the said James Coghill enlisted in the County of Orange in the State of Virginia in the month of February 1776[?] in the company commanded by Capt Joseph Spencer of the Seventh Virginia Reg't. commanded Col. McClanahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] of the Virginia Continental line that he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States untill the month of February 1778 when he was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by Col. McClanahan and that he was in the Battles of Gwynns Island [Gwynn Island, 8-10 Jul 1776] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] he was afterwards drafted for 18 months and was in Charlston when besieged and taken [Charleston SC, taken 12 May 1780] and was taken prisoner ran away from the enemy. The company on this campaign was command by Capt. [Thomas] Buckner in the Regt com'd by Col. Heath [sic: William Heth] of Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott] Brigade he also states that he in reduced cirstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and has no other evidence of his said services than accompanys this declaration Sworn to before me this day and date first above written [The service was certified by Elizabeth Coghill.]

State of Kentucky

Gallatin County and Circuit Sct

On this 25th day of August 1823 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record James Coghill resident of said County and Circuit aged 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provissions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 and the first of March 1823. that the said James Coghill enlisted for the term of two years on the [blank] day of Feby 1779 [sic] in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Spencer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McClannahan, by General Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen], in the line of the State of Virginia in the 7th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the Corpse untill the year 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

property now owned

property contained in first Schedule if any.

One mare price	\$20	I have some property when I first exhibited in Nov'r 1819 but the
one yearling Colt	\$5	Act of Congress did not make it requisite to exhibit an inventory
One Cow & Clalf	10	thereof
One heifer	5	
Six head of Sheep	6	

Two Sows and three pigs 4
 One Kittle 2
 One Table 2
 Seven Chairs 2
 Pail & piggen .50
 \$57.50

James Coghill

No changes taken place since first declaration James Coghill

And he at the same time and place further made oath that he has only one child liveing with him. Towit James Coghill aged 15 years and that he is not able even to support himself.

James Coghill

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Gallatin Circuit Sct.

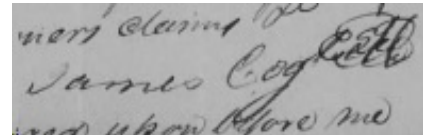
On this 20th day of November 1823 came personally James Coghill into open Court being in session and haveing the power of fine and imprisonment And a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and made oath that he hath disposed of the following property since the 18th day of march 1818 Towit.

One mare taken and sold by the Sheriff of Gallatin on	}	
an ex[ecuti]on in the name of John Violett against him	}	\$23.00
14 Hogs sold at same time under the said exon		1.87½
294 lb pork sold to Thomas L Butler to purchase salt and pay off fee Bills		15.76

which property he has disposed of as above stated for the sum of \$40.63½

The remainder such as hogs &c have died & were killed up for meat.

He further declares on oath that the only reason he did not exhibit his shedule of property previous to the passage of the act of 1st March 1823 was the great difficulty in procureing a person to under take preparing papers &c and his intire ignorance of the requisitions of Congress in authenticating pensioners claims &c



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

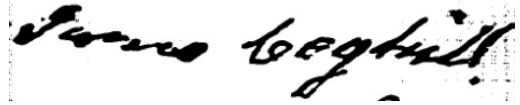
The memorial of James Coghill to the Executive of Virginia

Your memorialist represents to the Executive of Virginia that he enlisted in the Va conel [Continental] line as well as he now recollects in Orange County Virg'a in the year 1775 for two years and was discharged at the Valley Forge after service the whole period. That he enlisted with Ensign John Cunningham, his Capt was Capt Joseph Spencer, and his first Lieut was Garland Burnley [BLWt1885-300], second Lieut William White. The company belonged to the 7 Va Regt commanded by Col Dangerfield [William Daingerfield]; that he was drafted after his discharge at Valley Forge, for eighteen months in Capt Buckners [probably Thomas Buckner] comp'y [illegible] marched to Gen'l Scotts [Charles Scott] Brigade, served in South Carolina, and made prisoner at the capture of Charleston, made his escape from the enemy in [undeciphered] the capitulation and returned home to Virg'a and was discharged at Chesterfield by Major [undeciphered] at the expiration of the term for which he was drafted & that Elizabeth Coghill by whom he proved services to enable him to obtain his pension under the act of 18 March 1818 is since dead, and that he knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services. Your memorialist has never [illegible] bounty lands from the state of Virg'a although he served upwards [illegible] and one half years. Your memorialist therefore respectfully requests [illegible] Executive of Va to direct the Register of

the Land office of Virg'a to issue a warrant for the quantity of land due him for three years services.

Signed

[Gallatin County KY, 18 June 1836]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Bechtel". The signature is written in black ink on a light background.

The proof in this case is not sufficient. claim rejected DC [Gov. David Campbell]

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