

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Corlew R2323

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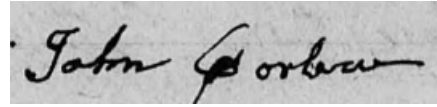
State of Missouri County of Boone: SS

On this the 9th day of June 1846 personally appeared John Corlew before Alexander Persinger, one of the Judges of the Boone County Court, the said Corlew being unable from bodily infirmity to appear in open Court – a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about eighty-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 (in the Spring) thus and served under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered, in the Spring, (precise month not remembered) of the year 1777 under Captain William Brinkley; Colonel Sowell; General Caswell and served under these officers a tour of six months, that at the time he entered the service he lived in Halifax County, North Carolina, that the Army, whilst he was serving in it, marched up as high as Salisbury, along down upon the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] – that he served as a private – that, at the end of the six months he served, he and the whole company was discharged at Hillsboro North Carolina sometime in the fall of the year 1777. That, in the year 1781 he again entered the United States Service as a volunteer private; that he was still a resident of Halifax County North Carolina & there entered the service this second time – that he entered for a six months tour in the spring of the year 1781 that he served in this second tour, for six months, and, was discharged at Halifax North Carolina; that, during this tour, he marched across the Roanoke [River] into Virginia; again crossed back & returned to Halifax; then scoured the Country round about, & finally again returned to Halifax and was discharged; his Captain in the last tour was (he is not positive) John Pitts; first Lieutenant (he thinks) __ Phillips; Colonel William Linton; General Allen Jones – that the reason why the U.S. Army crossed the Roanoke was that the British, under Cornwallis & Tarleton, drove them across; then had a little skirmish – thinks this was in the month of May; that he has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State – that the reason why he has not applied for a pension before this, is, that, although poor, he felt to independent & high-spirited; but being now old, poor and helpless he needs whatever help the government, for his 12 months service, will give

him.

S/ John Corlew



Witness

S/ W. F. Switzler

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Alexander Persinger, Judge

[Thomas P Stephens, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

In Halifax County North Carolina on the 20th of February 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Yes, in a family Bible now in my house.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

When called into service lived in Halifax County North Carolina; since the war have lived a long time in North Carolina, then moved to Madison County Kentucky, lived in Kentucky but not in Madison County all the time, about 22 years, and in 1818 moved to Boone County Missouri where he has lived ever since and now lives.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Was a volunteer in both tours

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Recollects none.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

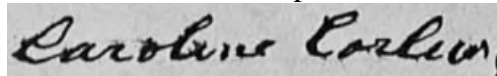
After the first tour received a discharge but it is worn out & gone.

[7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.]

Abraham Davenport, Lemuel Sercey, & Moses Batterton & many others, will testify as to character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

[fn p. 21: certificate dated January 25, 1847 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payment made to a John Corlew for military service during the revolution.]

[fn p. 10: Caroline Corlew, describing herself as one of the heirs and legal representatives of John Corlew deceased filed a power of attorney dated April six, 1854



]in Boone County Missouri.]