

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Cobia W22843
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Ann Cobia f17SC
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The United States of America, State of South Carolina, Charleston District

On this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord 1835, personally appeared before me Thomas Lee District Judge for South Carolina – Nicholas Cobia, a resident of the City of Charleston, in the district of Charleston & State of South Carolina aforesaid, aged seventy-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 was born in the City of Charleston aforesaid, on the 8th day of December 1759, to the best of his knowledge & believe, that he has no record of his age, that he was living in Charleston aforesaid when he went into service, & has resided there ever since & still resides there – that he attached himself to and acted with the German Fusilier Company as a volunteer private, & in that capacity did duty there in during the war of the Revolution – that he served as aforesaid in the said Corps and did actual service therein for the space of one month & a half in the city of Charleston aforesaid, while the battle of Fort Moultrie¹ was pending, for the space of one month & a half in the expedition² to Beaufort under General Moultrie [William Moultrie] & Captain Livingston [William Livingston], in the spring of 1779, and for the space of two months at the siege & battle of Savannah³ under the same Captain & Colonel M. Simons [Maurice Simons]; for the space of more than five months from December to May, in Charleston,⁴ under Captain Strobel [Daniel Strobel], when General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was in command; and for the space of 4 months with General Marion [Francis Marion], in the expedition to Black Swamp,⁵ by order of Governor Mathews; and he positively swears that in the different expeditions & tours of duty in which he was engaged, he was fourteen months in actual service, as a volunteer private in the company aforesaid & for such service, he claims a pension; and that during the periods when such service was performed, which was always in the field & not in Garrison, he was not employed in any civil pursuit – that besides the officers above named, he recollects Pulaski – that he has never received a discharge from the service – that Colonel Jacob Sass,⁶ an officer in the German fusilier Company, during the War of the Revolution, now living in Charleston, & receiving a pension from the United States, under the act of Congress aforesaid, is well acquainted with this deponent's character & can testify thereto & to the fact of deponent's

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_port_royal_island_2.html

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

⁵ Probably a reference to the engagement noted at

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html

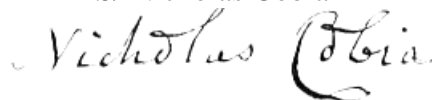
⁶ [Jacob Sass S21956](#)

services as a revolutionary soldier, as above set forth, & that the Reverend John Bachman, John Hume, Stephen Thomas & Job Palmer are among other persons residents and deponent's neighborhood, who are acquainted with his character for veracity & can testify thereto & to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thos. Lee, DJ

S/ Nicholas Cobia

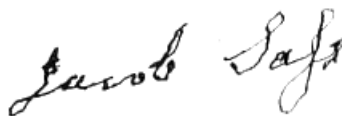


State of South Carolina Charleston District: On this twentieth day of June in the year above named, personally appeared before me Thomas Lee District Judge of the United States Colonel Jacob Sass, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he was a Lieutenant in the Company of German Fusiliers of the City of Charleston & State aforesaid, during the War of the Revolution, & that he is now a resident in the said City & receiving a pension from the United States for his revolutionary services – that he is well acquainted with the above named applicant Nicholas Cobia & his character for veracity & believes him to be a man of veracity, & seventy-five years of age, & knows that he was a soldier of the revolution – that the said Nicholas Cobia did duty as a volunteer private in the said German fusilier Company, at several periods during the revolutionary war – that to deponent's knowledge said Nicholas Cobia did actual service in & with the said Corps in Charleston, during the period of the Battle of Fort Moultrie, in the Beaufort expedition, at the siege of Savannah, & again at Charleston while General Lincoln was in command, but as to the expedition to Black Swamp under General Marion this deponent cannot speak, as he was absent on that occasion; and although deponent cannot recollect the particular period & duration of each tour of service, he can and does swear that in different expeditions the said Nicholas Cobia was in actual service with said Company of German Fusiliers for 14 months, in the War of the Revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written

S/ Thos. Lee, DJ

S/ Jacob Sass



[Daniel Cobia, a clergyman, and Jacob Sass gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On January 22, 1839 in Charleston South Carolina, Ann Cobia, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Nicholas Copiah, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in 1780 while he was in service; that her husband died October 29, 1838 and that she remains his widow.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]