

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Peter Corn: W5885

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State of NoCarolina} Court of Pleas and quarter
Buncombe County} October term 1832

On this 6th day of October personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now Sitting John P. Corn a resident of said County and State his age eighty 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to wit that he was born in the year 1752 in the State of Virginia Albemarle County. He enlisted on the 8th day of Febr'y 1776 for the term of two years in the regular troops of Virginia. He was enlisted by Lieutenant [John] Thompson. His Capt. Mathew Dewett [sic: Jouett]. Col. [William] Daingerfield was the commanding Col. William Neilson [sic: Nelson] was his Maj. that he served the whole time two years and received a discharge in Pennsylvania from [illegible] William Woodford at the Valley Forge Camp- He was in a skirmish near Philadelphia against the British guard. they retreated to the City with a loss of eight killed. that they then went back to the Camp after this engagement. That his name if enrolled is with State troop of Virginia. He went after he received a discharge back to Virginia. He remained for 12 or 13 years. He went from thence to Surry County NoCa five years He went from Surry to Wilks [sic: Wilkes] County in the said State remained there 5 years. from thence to this County Buncombe at which place he has resided since and do at present. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid John Peter his+mark Corn

State of No. Carolina} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:
Buncombe County}

On this 13th day July AD 1833 personally appeared Peter Corn, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State aforesaid aged 81 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 on the 8th day of February 1776. (with his brother Jesse Corn) and served in the 7th Virginia Regiment of the State Troops under the following named officers, He was enlisted under Capt. Matthew Dewett and entered the army under his service, was enlisted by Lieut. Leonard Thompson in the County of Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] in the State of Virginia, for the term of two years. and marched to Gloucester County in Said State. at which place he was joined by 7 other companys which were commanded by the following Captains To wit. Capt. Ewell. Jno. Lipscomb. Fleming Spencer. Crocket McClannahan. Posey [sic: Col. Thomas Posey]. and his Capt. Matthew Dewet. making in all 8 companys which composed the 7th Virginia Regiment. His regiment was commanded in chief by Gen'l. William Woodford Col. Daingerfeild and Maj'r William Neilson. They were stationed sometime at Gloucester Court House in said State, dose not recollect the precise time. Marched from thence to Pennsylvania and near Philadelphia was in a skirmish with the British Guard at which place the British were defeated and retreated to the City with a loss of 8 killed. That the Americans went from that to the Valley Forge Camp at which he remained untill he got his discharge from Gen'l. William Woodford.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Peter hisXmark Corn

[Peter and Jesse Corn's original enlistment. Part of the paper is missing at places indicated by *.] february

[*] to certifie that Peter Corn and Jesse Corn [*] [illegible word] Lieutenant John Thompson and Lenard [*] [illegible word] as Soldiers in Capt Jouett Company [*] [illegible word] said Corns testified that they would stay no longer then the said Thompsons did and not to exseed two years from the day they inlisted [signed] Lenard Thompson

State of No. CA} Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court
Buncombe County} of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State aforesaid
Peter Corn and made oath in due form of Law that the list of names contained on the opposite side were all soldiers that served with him in the State troops of Virginia and that if any of them are living he does not know it and that he knows of no one living by which he can prove his services in the War of the revolution. That he and his brother were enlisted at the same time and he enlisted in the name of Peter Corn but afterwards John was added to his name but he did not serve in that name but in the name of Peter Corn. Given from under my seal this 13th day July AD 1833 Thomas T. Patton C.P.BCC

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| 1 st William Sharp a convict Servant | 40 William Canada Serj |
| 2 Barne Mills | 41 James Canada Brothers |
| 3 Nathan Mills Brothers | 42 John Timberlick |
| 4 Matt Mill a cadet | 43 Benjamin Timberlick Brothers |
| 5 Joseph Keeton | 44 Joseph Timberlick |
| 6 John Burrass | 45 Dewit Devenort |
| 7 Joseph Mcgeehe drummer | 46 James Devenport Brothers |
| 8 William Mcgeehe fifer Brothers | 47 William Devenport |
| 9 Daniel Haggard | 48 James Rivers |
| 10 James Haggard Brothers | 49 William Burge |
| 11 Joseph Scott | 50 John Foster |
| 12 Robert Adams | 51 William Foster Brothers |
| 13 William Adams Brothers | 52 John Badget |
| 14 William Martin | 53 William Hensley |
| 15 John Martin Brothers | 54 Mosby Childers |
| 16 Obediah Ascue | 55 Robert Braudus |
| 17 Elisha Beaver | 56 Robert Clark |
| 18 Nathaniell Pain | 57 John Downs |
| 19 Archelous Alaway Strange | 58 James Caves |
| 20 Joseph Biby | 59 James Ascue the Capts cook |
| 21 Thomas Shares | 60 Peter Corn |
| 22 thomas Hardy | 61 Jesse Corn Brothers |
| 23 Charles Hardy Brothers | 62 Christopher Perkins |
| 24 Joel Melton | 63 William Woods a hierling
in Joseph Keetons place |
| 25 Francis Kirby | |
| 26 Thomas Clemmons | |
| 27 David Rice | |
| 28 Jesse Sanders | |
| 29 John Toney | |
| 30 Stephen Lilly | |
| 31 John Lisle | |
| 32 William Banks | |
| 33 William Walker | |
| 34 Doren Richardson | |
| 35 James Grant was killed Christmass day 1777 | |
| 36 William Bethel Lost in a scout | |
| 37 Joseph Bethel his Brother | |
| 38 Robert Allen Serjent | |
| 39 George Hollans serj | |

State of No. Ca.} On this the 10th day of March AD. 1835. personally appeared before us;
 Buncombe County} Phillip Brittain and Thomas T Patton, both acting Justices of the peace in
 and for the county aforesaid Peter Corn, who having first been duly sworn according to Law,
 doth on his oath make the following statement as required by the Commissioner of Pensions (J.
 L. Edwards in his letter to me) "As follows the persons that were with me in the war of the
 revolution, whose names I rendered with my declaration for a pension, was from the memmory
 contained and the and the impression made by being in service with them, and not from any
 original file or record that I have viz

Those were the persons belonging to my company

Matthew Dewitt Capt.	Wm Adams
Leonard Thompson 1 st Lieut.	Robt. Adams
Jno. Thompson 2 nd	Daniel Hagard
Jno. Carter Insign	Jo'h Hagard
Robert Allen Sergt.	Wm. Martin
William Canniday Sergt	Jno Martin
George Holland Sergt	Tho Hardy
Dewitt Devenport Sergt	Charles Hardy
— Daingerfield Col.	Jo Beley
William Neilson Maj.	Wm. Martin
Jno. Slaughter MD.	Nathan'l Payne
Clemmons or Plemons MD.	Obediah Askew
Cap'n. Euell, Jno. Lipscomb	Elisha Beaver
Charles Flemming, Wm Spencer	Joel Melton
Jno. Posey, Alexander McClennahan	Francis Kerby
- Crockett. and Capt. Dewitt	Thomas Clenain
from Albemarl Cnty Virginia	David Rice
Those persons [above] were the principal	Jessee Sanders
officers belonging to the 7 th Virginia Regt. which	Wm Bank
belonged in the two years service required	Jno. Toney
	Stephen Lily
Soldiers names	Jno Lyle
William Sharp	Wm. Bethel
Barnett Mills	Jo. Bethel
Nathan Mills	Jno. Timberlick
Jo. McGeehee	Benj Timberlick
Wm McGehee	Is Timberlick
Jo. Keeton	Jno Forster
Jno. Burris	Wm. Forster
Jo. Scott	Jessee Corn and myself

The preceeding statement, are persons that were in the service with me in the War of the
 Revolution, which I do certify with my hand. Peter hisXmark Corne

State of North Carolina} This day came John Peter Corn an applicant for a pension residing
 Wake County} in the county of Buncombe in said State before me this subscriber
 an acting Justice of the peace for the said County of Wake and after being first duly sworn
 according to law saith on his oath that during his services in the war of the revolution as set
 forth in his declaration heretofore made for the purpose of obtaining my pension some time in
 the winter of 1776 in december or in January 1777 he having been taken with the fever and ague
 and at williamsburg obtained a furlow from his Captain for thirty days to return home that he
 remained sick and unable to return into the service untill some time in the summer following he
 thinks in June he then set out for the service & served as set forth in said declaration
 Sworn to & subscribed before me this 14th day of November 1835 John P. hisXmark Corn

So. Carrolina Greenville District 12th November 18[page torn]

Dear Sir After my compliments to you I hereby inform you that I Lately Receiv'd a message by a certain Mr Sammuel Campbell who Lives near me as he Stated to me from a certain Mr John P. Corn who Liv's in Buncombe No Carrolina wishing to know if I had a Brother by the Name of Joseph Scott who Died in the Service of of his country in the time of the old Revolution Sir I now will lay down to you by convinsing circumstances that I am brother to the s'd Joseph Scott. My father Lived in Virginia in the fork of James River fluvanna county - there were four brothers of us James John Joseph & myself by the name of William & if you be the same person as I Expect there were four brothers of your Mothers fammiely George John Peter Jesse & Sammuel. your Mother was a widdow if My memory serves me & was called Molley Corn- Sir if you have any business with me I wish you to communicate it to me by Letter as soon as possible Direct your letter to Greenville District So Carrolina fork Shole post office as I live Near that place I am sir yours with Sentiments of Esteem. William Scott

N.B. I was quite young at the commencement of the old Revolution but if my Memory serves me if you be the s'd Mr Corn you & my brother went into the service [end of page; rest missing]

[The following is undated and appears to be notes for one of the depositions.]

Jno. P. Corn - 85th Born Alb'l Co Va.

Enlist'd '76 Capt Dewitt - Dangerfeld - 2 yeares-.

March'd to Gloucestr Co - stat'd there until spring - then to Wmburg until July 76 - then to Guinn Island af Dunmore [sic: Gwynn Island after Lord Dunmore, July 1776]. then to Wmburg - fall 1776 - winter '77 went home on furlough. - joind Regt. - went to Alex & was innoc'd in Aug't [went to Alexandria and was inoculated for small pox in Aug] - After leavg Alex. went to Fred'k [Frederick MD] then to Lancaster [PA] & there joind the army near Germantown - Oct 1777 = Then went to Vally forge 1777 & 78 - Gen'l Woodford - disch'd Feby 1778 by Gen Woodford. gave [illegible word] discharge to a W. Wells =

Jesse Corn - Wm. Sharp - Barnett Mills - Nathan Mills - Jos. Keaton - Jos. McGaha & Wm. McGaha musians [sic: musicians] - Jn Bunaugh - Jos. Scott - Dan'l & Jos. Haggard - Robin & Wm Adams - Wm & Jno. Martin - Wm. Martin - Nat Paine - Obed'h Asque - Eluha Beaver - Thos Shores - Tho & Ch's Hardie - Tall Milton -

7 Capt. Lipscomb Nuvill [sic: Neville] - Ch's Fleming Spencer Posey - Crockett McClanahan - Jno P Corn 1788 - 90 - Peter Corn 1802

30 days

On Public Service To Mr John Peter Corn

Sir) I have Rec'd. an Express from Colo. Penn [probably Abram Penn of Henry County VA] to Raise every man in our Company to march against lord Cornwallis who advanced as far as Guilford Courthouse you will be Pleased to give what notice you can & meet me with all the men you can Raise at Michael C Barshere [probably Brashear] or John Lackeys Tomorrow morning. if any Should not have horses or guns you are to Impress Either from any having Such you will be as active as possible as the Case will not admit of Delay or Excuse the must be provided with four days Provision for man & horse I am Sir your Humble Serv't

Tho's Henderson Sunday Feb. the 11th 1781

State of North Carolina}

Henderson County}

On this 27th day of March one thousand eight-hundred and forty four, 1844, personally appeared before me Jesse McMinn on of the acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County (It being a Court of Record) Elizabeth Corn, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy nine, 79, years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, "Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows."

That she is the widow of John Peter Corn late Revolutionary pensioner deceased of Henderson County North Carolina who was a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution and received a pension as such from the United States at the rate of Sixty dollars per annum under

the act of June 7th 1832.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Peter Corn in Henry County Virginia in the month of May in the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one, 1781, or two that her husband the aforesaid John Peter Corn died on the 14th day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and forty three, 1843, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz. at the time above stated.

she also declares that she has a family Record showing the births of her children which was written many years ago and has always been considered correct and true.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year first above written before

Jesse McMinn J. Peace

Elizabeth her+mark Corn

[The following is transcribed from what appears to be family record referred to.]

Addam Corn the Son of Jno peter Corn and Elizabeth His wife was born may the 2^d day in the year of our lord god 1783

Jas. Scurlock his hand & pen

William Corn the son of Jno peter Corn and Elizabeth his wife was born february 5th in the year of our Lord god 1785

Samuel Corn the Son of Jno Peter Corn and His Wife Elizabeth Corn was born February 6th 1787

John Corn the Son of John peter Corn and Elizabeth His wife was [illegible word] born December the 2^d day in the year of our lord god 1789

Elizabeth parr was born the 14 day fo June 1764

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Lot Corn was born Febru the 24 day 1792

Sarah Corn was born may the 17 day 1793