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*Coffey, Osbourn*  
*or Coffey*

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*Mary*

7652  
Kentucky

Osborn Coffey

of Levy Co in the State of Kent  
who was a Sgt in the company commanded  
by Captain Capbell of the 1st commanded  
by Col Buckner in the Virginia  
and for 18 months private  
6 " private

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 110 Dollars — Cents per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 day of May  
1833 and Amto Levy  
Coffey Standard  
Amount to the 1st of March 220.00  
Semi-annual allowance ending Sept 53.00

\$275.00

{ Revolutionary Claim }  
Act June 7, 1832 }

Recorded by Daniel Boyd Clerk,  
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7 Nov 33 See  
to agent —

Suspd —

See letter to J. Coffey 13 Aug 1834  
1834 — Do. to Hon. M. Brady  
H. R. 26 March 1834  
Suspension removed. See letter to Hon.  
M. Brady H. R. & P. H. S. Dr. H. R. 2  
Per. Act. March 28, 1834

Suspension removed per  
letter to Hon. R. M. Johnson  
Per. Act. 20 May 1834  
in paper before the

Act to M. L. Martin May 6, 1835

Paid to the Treasury under the  
Act of the 1st of April 1838 drawn by  
Sgt 839 to 31 March 1840. Act  
Pro. Act 13 July 1840

Let to Hon. J. B. Sprigg Aug 6, 1842

in case of  
N. 8837

1845  
1845  
1845

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Kentucky

Mary Coffey

widow of John Coffey  
who was a pensioner under the Act of 1832  
and who died on the 21st Nov. 1860  
of Casey Co. in the State of Kentucky  
who was a 1st Lt. in the Army  
commanded by Captain Ephraim of the  
Regt. commanded by Col. Johnson in  
the line for 6 months for  
1844

Inscribed on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 110 Dollars  
Cents per annum, to commence on the 1st day  
of March, 1836.

Certificate of Pension issued the 7th day of  
June, 1865 and sent to  
Coffey, Middlebury, N.Y.

Total amount, \$ 550. 00

[Act July 7, 1838.]

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Original Claim.  
Declaration and Order to be placed on the Pension List  
under the act of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818.

State of Kentucky  
County of Casey

5<sup>th</sup> Feb  
On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February

1800 Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice  
of the Court of the County of Casey being a Court of Record  
Osborn Coffey resident in the said County aged about  
Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according  
to law took on his oath make the following declaration  
in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress  
of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the  
said Osborn Coffey enlisted for the term of his years on  
the fourteenth day of February seventeen hundred & twenty  
six in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded  
by Capt. Sam<sup>l</sup> J. Cabell in the Regiment Commanded by  
Colonel Mordecai Vinton in the line of the State of Virginia  
On the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve  
in said Corps until he was by Command attached to Colonel  
Morgan's Regiment and served in said Corps until the  
thirtieth day of February seventeen hundred & twenty eight  
when he was discharged from the service in the County of  
) in the State of Pennsylvania that he hereby relinquishes  
every claim whatever to a pension except the present. that  
his name is not on the roll of any State except [Virginia]  
and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier  
application for a pension about eighteen years ago. I had  
a stroke of the Dead Palsy which appeared so severely on  
my system as to render me incapable of attending to my  
Occupation & I put the management of my farm in  
the hands of some of Children which reduced my small  
Capital & of course involved me greatly in debt either  
by Contracts directly for me to pay or there security<sup>in</sup> which  
case I have been so frequently that each large sum it has

and will take all property which I laid up for a support  
in my old age together having to employ one of my daughters  
for several years in a house kept for hire for me at a  
high rate she had demanded against me by which she  
has caused all I now have and at this time I have even  
been really living upon her charity, and other reasons when  
I was able to support myself I thought it wrong to  
ask the government for it. I have one horse, bridle &  
saddle worth \$50. One cow & calf 80. One plow, 100, and 2 plow  
F. Gear 100. Hence held title to her furniture \$10. Total \$500

Robert Coffey

My Occupation a farmer but have not been able to  
follow it for 18 years owing to a stroke of the dead Palsy, my  
family consist of my wife Polly who is about 65 years old  
very much afflicted with pains & other diseases which old  
women are subject to by no means able to support herself  
and contributes to my supports. And in full view of  
the act of the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1818. I do solemnly swear that I was  
a resident Citizen of the United States on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 to diminish it as to bring myself  
within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled an act  
to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and  
Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary  
War passed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 And that  
I have not nor has any person in trust for me any pro-  
perty or security, contracts, debts, due to me, nor have  
I any income other than what is contained in the  
Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed [T]  
that since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes  
have been made in my property - A change in my  
property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and no more  
owned by me will be shown in the following

| Chances | Description of property                                            | Status of the property or interest of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Name of the party                                        | Amount of money or description of property received or actions                                                                                                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         | 220 acres of land<br>to be sold with a small<br>tenement           | to be sold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | William Coffey<br>Aug 1829                               | all by the Sheriff of the County of Casey for<br>Execution and Sale of<br>Mortgage to David May for<br>1185 as will be seen by certificate<br>of the Sheriff of the County of Casey |
|         | I certify that more statement of the balance of the land 175 acres | is now under execution to satisfy a debt to Common-<br>wealth Bank against me or security for Richard<br>Coffey contracted in 1821 for money advanced out of<br>this bank which will be sold for that purpose<br>& likely bring more than the debt & costs which<br>will be paid by the Sheriff certificate |                                                          | from which I see<br>I sold for \$200 and the same<br>used by my family in<br>discharge of Anna Dabb.                                                                                |
|         | I certify that more statement of the balance of the land 175 acres | is now under execution to satisfy a debt to Common-<br>wealth Bank against me or security for Richard<br>Coffey contracted in 1821 for money advanced out of<br>this bank which will be sold for that purpose<br>& likely bring more than the debt & costs which<br>will be paid by the Sheriff certificate | One Negro Girl<br>named Mary<br>I McConnaughy March 1819 | was sold to my daughter<br>brother with my small<br>stock as has been stated for<br>money I owed to her for<br>services as stated in the<br>part above written                      |

And in addition to the several foregoing Oaths  
I do swear that I am not able to attend personally  
in Court by reason of my debilitated state of the  
Palsy & some bowel Complaints  
Abner Coffey

The foregoing declarations were made and declared on the  
24th day of February 1830. I John Riffe a Justice  
of the Court of record holden in the County of Casey where  
the defendant resides, do hereby certify that the above named  
Abner Coffey is from a disease called Palsy &  
bowel Complaint with which I am credibly informed  
and believe he has been afflicted for the space of 18  
years with the Palsy & the bowel Complaints and on  
for the same time, unable to attend the Courts of which  
I am Justice, and I do not think from present appear-  
ances that he will be able to attend the Court above  
named at its next session, I have therefore in pursuance of  
the act of Congress of the 1st March 1823 attended

Declaration in order to obtain the  
benefits of the act of Congress, passed  
June 7th 1832

State of Kentucky } ss  
County of Casey

On this twentyfourth day of December 1832  
personally appeared before me John Riffe  
one of the acting Justices of the peace in and  
for the County of Casey, Asaume Coffey  
a resident of Casey County & State of  
Kentucky, aged seventyfour years the seven  
-tyfourth day of July next, who being  
quite duly sworn according to Law & the  
Law he hath made the following Declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
made by the act of Congress passed June  
7th 1832, that he entered the service of  
the United States under the following named  
Officers, and served as herein stated, on the 13th  
day of February 1798 he enlisted under Captain Samuel  
Caldwell in the Kentucky County Regiment his term  
of service was, Rose & Salafara, & Lewis Barnett  
who march up to Williamsburgh, Virginia, the  
Regimental Quartermaster, the color officer & adjutant  
was Philip Buckner, Captain Colo Elliott, called  
the 6th Regiment of Virginia and the Colonel  
in that attachment, where we remained until  
the latter part of the fall following, there we  
were marched to the North and joined General  
Washington's Army, in their Retreat from  
Long Branch & continued with him, was the taking  
of the Heavens at Trenton, was in the battle  
at Germantown & in the battle of the Clouds  
Spring on Sunday was with Capt Caldwell's  
Company attached to Colo Morgan's Regiment  
of Rifemen with whom he served until  
March 1798 which was on the 13th day of  
February 1798 at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania  
was at the taking of Red Bank & in many other  
hard battles & skirmishes, he being the

service of the United States the second time  
in Southwest County, Virginia on the day  
October 1779, as Sergeant in Capt  
Green's Company, (was a volunteer)  
Capt Green marched us to Hillsborough  
North Carolina where we found General  
James Burdett's Regiment who march us to  
Salisbury where we found General Green  
remained under the command of General  
Green until discharged, and the last day  
of December 1781 at Camden in South Carolina  
for 18 months working in all sorts of service  
of this year & the next, was in the  
Battle of Red Bank, Camden & the Clouds  
-spring all in the year 1781 - he has no  
documentary evidence & knows of no person  
who ~~can~~ testify to his services  
he hereby relinquishes every claim that  
person or authority except the present  
and declares that his name is not on the  
pension roll of the agency of any state  
except at Lexington State of Kentucky, or  
at the City of Washington, which was  
ordered to be subscribed the twelfth day of  
Sept 1790 by Lewis Cap Secretary of  
War, which warrants has never been  
present to said agency, & no parts what  
ever received & that it may be fully under-  
stood that ~~he~~ relinquishes all claims to the  
said warrants it is hereby declared to the  
said Department from which it is  
known to and subscribed, the day, and year  
as aforesaid -

Abner Coffey

And the said John Phipps acting Justice  
do hereby declare his opinion that the  
above named Applicant was a volun-  
teer Soldier and served as he states

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act  
of Congress of the 7th July 1838, entitled, an  
act granting half pay and pensions to  
certain Widows.

State of Kentucky  
County of Barry. } ss

On this eighth day of April Eighteen  
Hundred and Fortyfour, personally appeared  
before the County Clerk, Court, Mary Coffey,  
a resident in the County of Barry, aged  
Eightythree years, who, being first duly  
sworn, according to Law, hath, on her oath,  
made the following Declaration, in order to  
obtain the benefit of the provisions made by  
the act of Congress, passed July, 7, 1838 entitled  
an act granting half pay and pensions to  
certain Widows, That she is the Widow of  
Osbourne Coffey who was a Revolutionary Soldier  
and drew a pension of \$110 as Soldier and  
Sergeant under the act of Congress of the 7th  
of June 1832, for life. She further declares  
that she was married to the said Osbourne Coffey  
on the eighteenth day of February in the year  
Seventeen hundred and Eightythree, that her  
Husband the aforesaid Osbourne Coffey died on  
the thirtieth day of March Eighteen Hundred  
Fortyfour, that she was not married to him  
prior to his leaving the Service, but she was

took place previous to the first of January seventeen  
hundred and ninetyfour (94) at the time above stated  
Susan to and subscribed on the day and  
year above written before  
Mary Coffey

Personally appeared in open Court at  
the same time & place John Coffey  
son of Mary Coffey the applicant for  
a pension as stated in the above declaration  
and being sworn according to Law declared  
on his oath that he is now sixty years  
old has often seen in the family  
Record the time his dearest Father John  
Coffey & his wife Mary Coffey married &  
Entered as well as I now can Recollect The  
eighteenth day of February seventeen hundred  
and eightythree he has seen it together  
with the entry of his own birth he being  
then eldest child born May 26 day  
1784. The Record have been displayed in  
Court now he prudence but recollects the  
entry & have kept his own age pointed  
entry. His Father's first name of Mary Coffey  
the applicant for a pension well under  
the thirtyfirst day eighteen hundred and  
eightyfour & that his mother Mary Coffey  
the applicant as above stated has never been  
married & is now a widow Susan to & subscribe  
on the day & year above written  
John Coffey

Know all men by these presents, that we Osburn Coffey & John Jones are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of fifty pounds to which payment well and truly to be made, to the Said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, Executors & administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1783

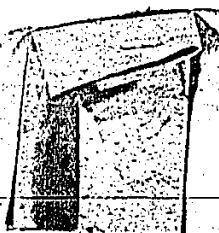
The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound Osburn Coffey Bachelor & Mary Knightingale Spinster Daughter of Mathew Knightingale If there be no lawful Cause to obstruct the Said marriage then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
In presence of  
Joseph Staples } Osburn Coffey Seal  
John Jones Seal

Sheweth  
Please to Grant license to any Orthodox Minister of the Gospel to solemnize a marriage intended between Osburn Coffey and my Daughter Mary Knightingale and oblige, Sheweth

Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Loving } Mathew Knightingale Seal  
Clerk of Amherst Court }  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1783  
State. Lucy Knightingale  
John Jones

State of Virginia }  
Amherst County }  
I Sam<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Garrison Clerk of the County  
of the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
are true copies of original papers now on file in my  
Office - In testimony whereof I have hereunto my hand & affixed  
my Seal of Office this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1783  
Sam<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Garrison Clerk



February 7, 1940.

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Mrs. Henry Reid Bright  
C/o Mrs. Tom Rice  
Stanford, Kentucky.

BA-J/CC  
Osborn Coffey (Coffee)  
W.8612

Dear Madam:

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.8612, based upon service of Osborn (also shown as Osborn and Osborns) Coffey or Coffee.

Osborn Coffey was born July 29, 1759, place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

*rifle* While a resident of Amherst County, Virginia, Osborn Coffey enlisted February 13, or 14, 1778, served as private in Captain Samuel J. Cabell's company, Colonel Mordecai Buckner's ~~company~~ <sup>Virginia</sup> regiment, was in the battles of Trenton(2), Princeton, and Saratoga, the taking of Burgoyne and the battle of Whittemarsh and in several skirmishes and was discharged February 13, or 14, 1778; enlisted in October 1779, or in the summer of 1780, served as sergeant in Captain Yewal's (evidently meant for Ewell's) company, Colonel Abraham Buford's Virginia regiment, was in the battles of Guilford, Camden, and Eutaw Springs and was discharged in December 1781.

The soldier moved to Kentucky in 1797. He was allowed pension on his application executed February 8, 1830, at which time he was residing on Green River, Casey County, Kentucky. He was still living there in 1834. He died March 31, 1840.

Osborn Coffey married February 18, 1783, in Amherst County, Virginia, Mary (also referred to as Polly) Nightingale, the daughter of Mathew Nightingale. The soldier's name was shown in the marriage bond as Osburn Coffey. The marriage bond was signed by one Osborn S. Coffey and one John Jones, and the request that licence be granted for the marriage of Osburn Coffey and Mary Nightingale was signed by Mary's father, Mathew Nightingale and Lucy Nightingale. The relationship of Lucy to the family is not shown. Osburn nor Mary ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> previously married.

*See History*

*See reg. 3  
transferred  
to Colonel*

*my time - 1783*

The soldier's widow, Mary Coffey, was allowed pension on her application executed April 8, 1844, at which time she was aged eighty-three years and a resident of Casey County, Kentucky.

In 1830, soldier and his wife were living with one of their daughters, Lucy. Their son Matthew died prior to 1830. In 1833 their oldest child, Jesse, who was born May 26, 1784, was living in Casey County, Kentucky, post office address, Liberty, Kentucky. In 1834 he was referred to as Colonel Jesse Coffey and was then State Senator; in 1844 his address was Middleburg, Kentucky.

In 1830 reference was made to one Richard Coffey, and one Osborn Coffey. Their relationship to soldier not shown.

In 1827 ~~was~~ Matthew Nightingale and one Sarah Nightingale witnessed the signature, by mark, of Osbourn and Mary Coffey, in Casey County, Kentucky. Their relationship to soldier's widow not stated.

No further family data are shown.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name and address of person paid and possibly the date of death of Mary Coffey, widow of Osbourn Coffey, you should address the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following data:

Mary Coffey, ~~widow~~ of Osborn Coffey (as the name <sup>was</sup> is borne on the pension roll)

Certificate #6980  
Issued June 7, 1845  
Rate \$110.00 per annum  
Commenced March 4, 1843  
Acts of March 3, 1843 and June 17, 1844,  
Kentucky Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant  
to the Administrator.