



## Patriot William Cookskin Corum Smithville, Missouri 1760-1853

William Cookskin Corum assisted in establishing American Independence as a Sergeant, Capt. Gibbs' Infantry, Commander-in-Chief's Guard, Continental Line. The Commander-in-Chief's Guard, also known as Washington's Life Guard protected Gen. George Washington following him to every military engagement. William enlisted 1 May 1777, promoted to Sergeant 4 June 1783, and discharged with the guard 3 November 1783. He was at the Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Germantown, Battle of Connecticut Farms, King's Bridge Skirmish, and Battle of Yorktown. William returned to military service during the War of 1812 as a Private, 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. He received a land grant on 7 March 1794 for his service.



William (son of John Corum and Nancy Cookskin) was born 1760, Virginia; died 5 August 1853, Clay County, Missouri; and buried Corum-Judy Cemetery, Clay County, Missouri. William married Barsheba Alice Bloyd, 28 June 1797, Green County, Kentucky. Barsheba was born 21 November 1764, Somerset County, Maryland and died 17 February 1858, Mercer County, Missouri. Children:

- Lucinda Corum (1797-1870). Lucinda married Henry Harris Estes.
- Thomas Corum (1804-1881).
- Nancy Corum (1806-1863). Nancy married Dennis Boggess.
- John Kearney Corum (1807-1893).
- Milton Corum (1810-1896).
- Wilkerson Corum (1813-1893). Wilkerson married Ruth Young.
- Susannah Corum (1815-1900). Susannah married Jackson Estes.

Corum-Judy Cemetery is located on private property at 1800 NE 132nd Street, Smithville, Clay County, Missouri. William has a private and military tombstone located at coordinates: N39° 20' 04.15" and W94° 33' 23.95". The SAR William C. Corum Chapter is named after him.

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