

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Collins S41490

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State of North Carolina Washington County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1819

The undersigned a resident of the State and County aforesaid in consequence of his reduced situation in life the impaired state of his Constitution – his advanced age etc. being about sixty years of age is in need of assistance from his country and is therefore desirous to avail himself of the benign and patriot provisions of an act of Congress of the United States Entitled An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War. To this in the undersigned maketh oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he entered the service of his country in it struggle for Independence as a private Soldier on or about the 1st of June 1778. That he served in that capacity without intermission until the month of August 1779 when he was regularly discharged at a place called Moncks Corner about twenty-one miles from Charleston South Carolina that he was attached and belonged to the 5th Regiment of the State Troops commanded in chief by General Lincoln and under the immediate command of Colonel Armstrong, Major Eaton, Captain Goodman and Lieutenant Dillin [Dillon] that the said Regiment was attached to the Continental establishment and was raised in North Carolina. That he was marched from Tyrrell County a part of which is now called Washington County to Purrysburg South Carolina where the companies composing the Regiment met. That the officers from Tyrrell County to Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina were Captain Goodman and Lieutenant Dillon from thence to Purrysburg South Carolina we were joined by Colonel Armstrong and Major Eaton that from thence we marched to different places in South Carolina and Georgia. He further declares on oath that the principal engagement he was then took place at Stono (then called) in South Carolina and that he gave up his arms at Dorchester in South Carolina but was not regularly discharged until he reached Moncks Corner as aforesaid.

Sworn to before me in open court August 18th, 1819

Test: S/ S. Downing, Clk

S/ Caleb Collins, X his mark

State of North Carolina Washington County

On this 22nd day of May 1822, personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of Washington, a court of record, has a Seal and of the original Jurisdiction possessing the

power of fine and imprisonment, Caleb Collins aged sixty-five years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 that the said Caleb Collins enlisted for the term of nine months on the __ May 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Goodman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until he was discharged from the said Service in the State of South Carolina that he afterwards served 18 months under Captain William Walton Regiment commanded by Colonel Hardy Murfree in the North Carolina line fifth Regiment in August 1781 he was furloughed and never was called upon afterwards in consequence of the peace that he was in the battle of Stono and was there wounded, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of Jeremiah Steeley¹ Sergeant during the whole time he was in the nine months service, the said Caleb Collins does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed and that he is more indebted than the property is worth he is a farmer by trade which from his age he is unable to do but very little manner [manual] labor his wife named Henrietta aged about 63 years a daughter named Fanny aged 27 years, daughter Harriet aged 20 years past December his name is to be found on Comptrollers [word written off the page and indecipherable].

Sworn to and declared on oath this 22nd May 1822

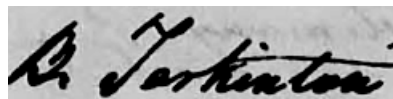
Test: S/ S. Downing, Clk

S/ Caleb Collins, X his mark

Benjamin Tarkinton being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God Depose that the petitioner Caleb Collins did enlist as a Soldier the nine months service by a man by the name of John Alexander Captain in militia & that he was marched to head quarters in South Carolina by John Dillin as Lieutenant and in that State delivered them up to Colonel Armstrong the deponent B. Tarkinton Swears to all the facts down to the letter.

Sworn to in Open court May 22, 1822

S/ B. Tarkinton

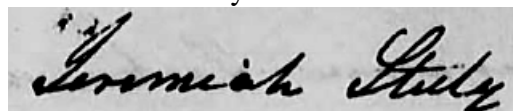


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Jeremiah Steely swears that all the facts sworn at to by Caleb Collins as to his nine months service is true to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn to in open Court this 22nd May 1822

S/ Jeremiah Steely



¹ FPA S42028 [Jeremiah Steeley or Steely]

State of North Carolina court of Pleas and Quarter sessions November term 1820

A schedule of the whole Estate and income of Caleb Collins of the County & State aforesaid (his necessary clothing & bedding excepted namely) –

3 head of cattle \$15	10 head hogs \$14	\$29.00
1 handsaw \$3, 2 Wheels \$2, 1 chest & 1 table, \$1.50		6.50
1 Old x Cut Saw, \$2, 1 old pit Saw \$2, 1 Loom \$3		7.00
A few Articles of old farming utensils		7.52
1 Stock Bees \$1.50, 2 Small Iron Chains 75 lbs		2.25
A few Articles of old house hold and kitchen furniture		10.30
1 Old musket (lock broke) \$2, 25 lb Cotton \$1.25		3.25
1 Bbl Corn \$2, 1 Stock fodder \$3, 6 old Bbls \$1.50		6.50
15 Bushels potatoes \$3, Some Trumpiny [?] \$2		<u>5.00</u>
		\$77.32

S/ Caleb Collins, X his mark

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The undersigned begs leave to inform your honor that in consequence of his reduced situation in life he is in need of assistance from his Country for support that therefore he is desirous to avail himself of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he entered as a private soldier on or about the first day June 1778 that he served without intermission until sometime in the month of August 1779 – that he was regularly discharged at a place called Moncks corner about 21 miles from Charleston that he belonged to the fifth Regiment of the United States infantry commanded in chief by General Lincoln – and under the immediate command of Captain Goodman Lieutenant Dillon Colonel Armstrong & Major Eaton and that said Regiment was attached to the Continental Establishment in the battle at Stono he was slightly wounded and marched three months in the militia under Captain Jeremiah Bateman to Charleston and there enlisted about three months longer under Captain Jonson and there was taken by the British and paroled and returned home and then served three months in the North State under Captain Jennet then went one trip privateering on board Schooner *Nonparell* [?] commanded by Captain Adison and served 18 months in the last of the war under Colonel Hardy Murfrey [sic, Hardy Murfree] & Captain Walton then taken out of the Army by Colonel Murfree and sent on to General Green at Charleston by express. He is ? Years old.

Sworn to before

S/ J. J. Daniel

S/ Caleb Collins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing August 18th, 1819 for one year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]