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Pension application of Solomon Cole R2144
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State of South Carolina Laurens District: 1832

On this 18th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before his Honorable Richard Gantt one of the judges of the said State, now sitting Solomon Cole a resident of this State & District aforesaid aged seventy-nine 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. That he was born in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland on the third day of November 1753, and entered the United States service (he thinks) in the year 1775 under Captain John Shelvey or (Shelby) who was commanded by Colonel John Sevier of the State of South Carolina that he entered the service as a volunteer, (we were called minute men) that the part of the Regiment to which he belonged remained on the frontiers as guards against the inroads of the Indians. That he was in several skirmishes with the Indians. That he was commanded by a Captain Jonathan Wammock [sic, Jonathan Womack?] when he was on the frontiers as a guard. That he marched up & down the Holston River for the purpose above set forth for the space of about five years. That he received a written discharge from the Colonel of his Regiment (severe) but that discharge is lost or mislaid. I have no record of my age, that he lived in Sullivan County when called into service. A few years after the close of the war I removed to this District & State & have lived here ever since. I entered the service as a volunteer.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk Laurens district

S/ Solomon Cole

I do hereby certify that I saw this applicant's Solomon Cole in service and that I was with him in service for about the space of three months under the officers and at the places set forth in the foregoing declaration, and further understood and believes that the applicant served as a Soldier in serious services during the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 18th October 1832 S/ John Garlington, Clerk S/ Isaac Pinson, X his mark [Gabriel Philips, a clergyman, and Isaac Pinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Laurens District: Amendment of Solomon Cole's Declaration

The applicant states that he volunteered (as set forth in his Declaration) – in the year 1775 under Captain John Shelvey or (Shelby) in Sullivan County in the State of North Carolina. The other officers were Colonel Evan Shelby, Captain Wammock & Captain Topp [could be Lopp]. That he marched to the frontiers or the Cherokee line was engaged in several skirmishes with the Indians, and continued in service six months – he received no written discharge. – In a few days after his discharge from the first tour of service; he volunteered under Captain Jacob Wammock [sic, Jacob Womack?] in Sullivan County North Carolina. The other officers, Captain Hix, Captain Rodger Topp [could be Lopp], Captain Byrd & Colonel John Sevier – he was stationed at Fort Wammock on Holston River, that he marched up and down Holston River to protect the whites from the Indians and was engaged in one battle or skirmish with the Indians near the long Islands on the Holston River – That he continued in service three months, received no written discharge – He states that he remained as a volunteer board minute man under Captain Byrd's commanded by Colonel Sevier until all danger from the attacks of the Indians was over which he thinks was in the year 1780, when he was discharged by Colonel Sevier, but has lost his discharge –

Sworn to before made this 19th October 1833 S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ Solomon Cole