

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Collier S21121

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State of Tennessee Giles County

On this the 23rd day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the judge of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, William Collier a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years since the 11th day of October 1733 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he entered the said service as a drafted private militia man in the County of North Hampton [sic, Northampton] in the State of North Carolina, under the command of Captain James Williamson in Major Read's Battalion in General Greene's division. He cannot now recollect positively who commanded the Regiment. The troops to which he was attached rendezvoused at Wake Court house in said State, and from that place were marched by the way of Hillsboro to Salisbury in said state – From thence they were marched to six mile Creek where they fell in with the whole of General Greene's Army where they were stationed during the remainder of the term for which he had been drafted. And were at that place discharged after having been in actual service on this expedition three months.

He was afterwards again drafted in the said County & State and entered the said service as a private militia man under the command of Captain Henry Cryser in Major Peebles Battalion not being joined to this service to any Regiment, he was marched out of the said County of Northampton to Halifax town in the County of Halifax in said State where applicant and the Battalion to which he belonged were retained to guard some British prisoners during the whole of this term of service which lasted only three months from which applicant was discharged by Major Peebles at the end of three months from the time he entered said service.

Said services were performed late in the War, and completed all the services rendered by applicant during the War of the Revolution.

Applicant received the first discharge above spoken of from James Williamson his Captain But he has since lost or mislaid both of said discharges. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service of his own knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the muster roll of the Agency of any State.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court this four day of August 1834

S/Sterling H Lester, Clerk

S/ William Collier, X his mark

The questions propounded to the said applicant by the said court and his answers thereto.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Granville County in the State of Virginia in the year 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a Register of my age in my possession which I have had for many years.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Northampton County, State of North Carolina since the War I lived a long time in the said County of Northampton and when I left said County last mentioned removed to Caswell County in said State where I resided about 13 years and from thence I removed to the said County of Giles in the State of Tennessee where I now reside, and where I have lived for nearly 3 years last past.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in the service as stated in the foregoing declaration and never was a substitute for anyone.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I was not attached to any regular troops that I recollect of – the remainder of this question I answered as fully as I can in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I have answered this question in the above declaration.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. John Collier, Henry Yancey, Joseph Anthony, James Hanna, Willis Ashforth and many others

Sworn to and subscribed in open court fourth of August 1834

S/Sterling H Lester, Clerk

S/ William Collier, X his mark

[John Collier and James Hanna gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]