Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cole S39338 VA
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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County Sct.

On this thirteenth day of May One thousand eight hundred & twenty two, personally in open Court, before the county court of Chesterfield (which is a court of record, the Act of the Virginia Assembly establishing the county courts expressly declaring that they shall be courts of record) William Cole aged about sixty three years, resident in said county of Chesterfield, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War on the continental establishment in the Virginia line, that he enlisted in the year 1777 under Lieutenant Oglesby (of Capt Everard Meade's Company) for the term of three years, and was attached to the 2nd Va Regt Commanded by Col Spottswood [sic: Alexander Spotswood]; that he fought in the battles of white marsh camp in Pennsylvania [Whitemarsh, 5 Dec 1777], at the battle of Paulers Hook in the State of New York [sic: Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779]; Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], and at the siege of Charlestown [spring 1780], that he was taken prisoner [12 May 1780] and afterwards exchanged, landed at Jas Town [Jamestown VA, summer 1781] and discharged at Richmond. - And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever.

Schedule/ No property

I the said Wm Cole am by occupation a farmer planter, but am totally unable to perform any manual labor; my family consists of a wife and one small daughter about 13 years old. I am in debt to sundry persons about twenty dollars.

Wm hisXmark Cole

NOTE: Hamlin Cole, probably pension application S39342, certified William Cole's application. A letter to the Pension Commissioner dated 28 July 1845 states that William Cole and Martha Miles were married in 1795 by a license issued on 29 Dec 1795, that William Cole died in April 1824, and his widow died in Jan or Feb 1836.