

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Coleman S39339

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State of Tennessee, Washington County: June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1818

Then personally appeared before me Thomas Emmerson one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of Law & Equity for the State of Tennessee the subscriber John Coleman, and in pursuance of an act of Congress of the United States, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and after being duly sworn according to law made & subscribed the following declaration or statement. To wit:

That he the said John Coleman was enlisted into the Continental service of the Revolutionary war at Prince Edward County State of Virginia by a certain Captain Thomas Scott of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Georgia line of service, William Scott was his Lieutenant that after he enlisted in Prince Edward County State aforesaid under said Thomas Scott for three years he was marched to the State of Georgia to the said 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh], the officers of said Regiment were as follows (Colonels) James Screven & Elberd [Samuel Elbert], (Majors) William Roberts, Abner Nash (adjutant) that he continued to serve in said Regiment until discharged at the expiration of the three years for which he enlisted. That he after fulfilling said Term of service was honorably discharged by Col. Davis which discharge he kept a considerable length of time until by casualty he has lost the same and has it not in his power now [to] produce it. That he is now a citizen of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee and has resided in said State & the State of North Carolina almost ever since the revolutionary war, and never has since he performed his service in the revolutionary war been out of the limits of the United States. That he is now aged about 66 years, and so much reduced in circumstances that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support as he is now past [passed the age to perform?] manual labor in a great measure and destitute of property, that he never has been pensioned by his Country nor has he ever asked for the same before.

And that he has no evidence within the compass of his power at this late period by which to corroborate the foregoing statement but hopes that the rolls of the Army of the revolution will evidence the same.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this day before written.

S/ Tho. Emmerson

S/ John Coleman, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On the 23 day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court (it being the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Sullivan and expressly made a court of record by the laws of the said State) John Coleman aged Sixty seven years on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1819 resident in said County and in said State who being duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Elberd [Samuel Elbert] in Captain Thomas Scott's Company of Virginia Troops which Troops were destined for the State of Georgia and that he made application for a pension on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818

and secured a certificate for a pension which certificate was dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1819, and Numbered 9511. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed:

An Obligation on John Scott for 8 acres of Land for which I agreed to pay him \$50, \$25 of which I have paid him which \$25 I borrowed from Samuel Rhea and still owe him for the same. The other \$25 still is due to the said John Scott.

One small bay Horse purchased of Samuel Rhea for which I still owe him one cow & calf – 1 sow & three pigs – 1 pot – 1 Dutch oven – 1 plain table. A debt on my son Daniel Coleman \$17.50

I also owe George Keyes \$8 for necessary clothing for myself, which debts I contracted expecting to pay them out of my pension, money thereafter to be received.

S/ Joseph C. Rhea, D. Clk of Sullivan County

S/ John Coleman, X his mark

and further I do declare that my occupation is a farmer and that I am unable from bodily infirmities to support myself. My family that resides with me are two in number, my wife Easter Coleman aged 31 years and a son named Nathan Coleman about two years old.

S/ John Coleman, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1820 before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c.

S/ Joseph C. Rhea, D. Clk of Sullivan County

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 7, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Georgia Continental line.]