

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Colter (Coulter) S39352

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State of Virginia Botetourt County to wit

On this 11th day of October 1825 personally appeared in open Court Being a Court of Record or the County aforesaid Samuel Coulter [sic] resident in said County aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions may by the acts of the 18th of March 1818 and of the 1st May 1820. That he the said Samuel Colter enlisted in Burks County State of Pennsylvania on the 2nd day of January 1776 in the company commanded by Captain John Rees for that term of one year in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Sinclair in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Pennsylvania Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in said company in the capacity of a quarter master Sergeant until the expiration of his said Term of enlistment when he was discharged from the service at Pennsylvania by Colonel Davis in the State of Pennsylvania. He further states that in the month of April or May 1777 he received from Congress a Lieutenant's commission and entered the service for during the war in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Moor in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Craig in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Pennsylvania Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said company and Regiment until the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] at which place he received a severe wound which rendered him unable to perform the duties of an officer in consequence of which he was obliged to withdrawal from the Army. That after recovering his wounds received at Monmouth he again enlisted in the year 1778 or 1779 as an orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain Irish at Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania (Number of the Regiment not recollected) during the war and marched with said Captain Irish from Pennsylvania to Chesterfield Court House State of Virginia and from thence to New London from thence he marched to Richmond Virginia and there was appointed superintendent of the State laboratory by Governor Harrison and served faithfully in that capacity until the month of November 1783 to the best of his recollection at which time Colonel William Davis who commanded at that place informed him that he had no further need of his service and he was discharged from the Service. The declarant sent on a declaration to the Department of war in 1822 which was returned in consequence of some informality in the declaration since which time he has not been able without great inconvenience to go about to get proof of his service which is the reason why earlier application has not been made. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 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 and that no change has taken place in his property since the 18th of March 1818

Schedule 3 head of hogs & one cow

That he is a millwright by trade but through age disease and wounds received in the revolution he is unable to make a support by it, he has no family residing with him except an aged and infirm of wife 60 years old, and is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the aid of his Country.

S/ Sam Colter



State of Virginia Botetourt County

David Jones being duly sworn according to law doth say that he was acquainted with Samuel Colter in the Revolutionary War while stationed at John Jones with a recruiting party in Burks County Pennsylvania & further says that said Coulter was a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line on Continental establishment and further says that he knew the said Colter to serve in the said line for two years or more & remembers that the said Colter received wounds that compelled him to return home from the service and further says that said Colter who now applies for a pension is the same person who performed the services as above stated and further saith not.

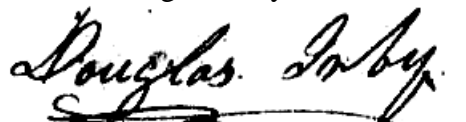
S/ David Jones



State of Virginia Botetourt County to wit

Douglas Irby<sup>1</sup> being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he became acquainted with Samuel Colter at New London in the year 1781 in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia and that the said Colter was a Sergeant at the Laboratory at New London as aforesaid under Captain Irish who was Superintendent of said Laboratory and that said Colter served in the capacity of Sergeant on Continental establishment from the year 1781 until sometime in the year 1782 amounting to upwards of one year at New London as aforesaid at which time the said Colter was removed to Richmond Virginia and still continued in the said Service but the precise time he continued to serve at Richmond the deponent cannot say.

S/ Douglass Irby



Peter Bachelor appeared in open court and being first sworn deposed and saith that he knew the

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<sup>1</sup> [Douglass Irby S38069](#)

said Samuel Coulter as a Sergeant of a Guard over the Arsenal at New London in the State of Virginia on Continental establishment & that he continued in that service about twelve months. Deponent being a Sargeant of a Guard at the same place.

[no evidence this statement was signed]

State of Virginia Bedford County     Sct.

Jacob Paitsell<sup>2</sup> aged sixty-seven years being sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that Samuel Colter was a Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Moor's Company in the third Regiment on Continental establishment in the Pennsylvania line commanded by Colonel Thomas Craig deponent says that he served in the same Regiment and that he knew Lieutenant Colter to serve in the aforesaid company and Regiment from the month of May 1777 until the Battle of Monmouth 1778 in the month of June upwards of one year deponent further this saith that in the Battle of Monmouth Lieutenant Colter received a wound in his leg that compelled him to retire from the Army and further saith not.

S/ Jacob Paitsell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing January 11, 1827, for service as a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line.]

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The [Virginia State Library](#) has posted on its bounty land claim online digital collection the following relating to this veteran:

State of Virginia Bedford County Sct.

Jacob Paitsill[sic] aged sixty-seven being sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that Samuel Coulter enlisted in New London Bedford County Virginia in the year 1780 for during the war and was transferred from Captain Nathan Reeds recruiting party to Captain Irish's Company which belonged to the United States Laboratory then carried on at New London Virginia and that said Coulter acted in the capacity of an orderly Sergeant in said Captain Irish's Company of the Virginia line on Continental establishment – deponent further saith that he (deponent) also belonged to the United States Laboratory and that he was acquainted with said Coulter from the year 1780 until the year 1783 when they were marched to Richmond and was discharged by Colonel William Davis and that the aforesaid Coulter who now applies for bounty land is the same man who he knew as aforesaid and further saith not.

S/ Jacob Pastsell, X his mark

State of Virginia Bedford County

Samuel Coulter aged seventy-one being sworn according to law doth say that he enlisted [several words too faint to discern] in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia in the year 1780 in the early part of the year for during the war under Captain Nathan Reed then a recruiting officer at New London in the Virginia line on Continental establishment and that a few days after he enlisted he was transferred from Captain Reed's Recruiting Party to the [text too faint to discern] State's Laboratory then carried out at New London in the aforesaid State and acted in the Capacity of an orderly Sergeant under Captain Irish who belonged to the Laboratory and that he served faithfully in the capacity as orderly Sergeant as aforesaid until the year 1783 when they

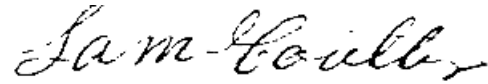
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<sup>2</sup> FPA W3858

were marched to Richmond and this deponent with many other troops at Richmond was discharged by Colonel William Davis Commander of the 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment deponent further saith that he lost his discharge many years past and that he never received any land.

[Several words cut off at the bottom of the page] the United States nor the State his claim to any person in any manner whatsoever the deponent is a mill wright by profession was born and raised in the State of Pennsylvania and further saith not.

S/ Sam Coulter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam-Coulter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Sam Coulter".