## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Colyer W8624 Grizzy Colyer VA
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Application for a new Certificate State of Kentucky Lincoln County SS

On this Eleventh day of July 1821 Before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Lincoln personally appeared John Collyar who on His oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Tipton [see endnote] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Darke in the Service of the United States (comonly called the United States Levies) That his name was either placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Pennsylvania virginia or Tennessee as he verily believes, and that Col Wm Darke was from the State of Virginia. But he cannot say or the the time he was disbanded wheather it was called the Pennsylvania Virginia or Tennessee line. But it was the First Regiment of United States Levies which formed a part of Gen'l StClair's Army at the time of StClairs defeat in 1791 And that he has regularly drawn a pension for upwards of Twenty years from the Loan Office or Pension office in the City of Philadelphia. That he received a Certificate under the Signature & Seal of the Secretary of War, which Certificate on or about the 7th day of April 1814 was destroyed when his house was Burnt

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Rockcastel [sic: Rockcastle] County } Ss

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843 personally appeared befor me James Sayers an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and State Mrs Gizzey Colyer a resident of said County and State aged upwardes of 90 Ninty years, and who after being first duly sworn accordig to Law doth on her oath make the following decalaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836, to wit that she is the widow of John Colver deseased Late of the said County and state and who was a Regular Solder in the united states army in the Revolutionary war and served almost the whole time say several years so she thinks and resided in the state of Virginia when he entered the sevice she thinks and on account of his said sevice in said war [sic] her aforsaid husband he received a pension from the united states which was granted to him untill his death which took place the 31 day of March 1826 at the rate of \$96 per ann She further declars that she cannot state the names of the officers her said husband served under nor the line he served in but for their names as well as the character of the service performed and such other facts as are nessarry in the investigation of her claim she she would refer to the evidence contained in the papers comprising the matter of the application of her said husband for the aforesaid Pension she further declars that she has no documentary evidences in support of her claim she further declars that she was marrid to her said husband John Colver sum time before the Old Revolutionary War commend. she thinks in the year 1772 or 1773 she cannot state prescily but she had three children at the commencement of the said war and she worked and fed and clothesed her said children all the time her said husband John Colyer was in the said sevc in said war to the astonishment of her neghbours this she did untill her said husband returned. She further states that she had her firs child about 1 year after she was maried and then there was 1½ years between the others which makes the mariage about 3 or 4 years previous to the old war She further declars that she has never rec'd a pension from the united states since the death of her said husband. The certifficate of Pension which her said husband had was given up to her atturny to get the arrears She further states that she has neve maried since the death of her said husband John Colyer but still continues his widow she further declars that she

has appointed C H Trabue her atturny to draw her certifficate of Pension from the Commisioner of Pension in washington City from the year 1832 until death she further declars that she is not able to attend in Open Cort on the account of her old age Frailty of Bodly weakness she cannot ride on horse back and she is entirely dependant on her Daughter a poor widow for her surport therefore she prays for a pension as the widow of John Colyer A Revotion pensioner deseased. She further states that if her oldes child ware living would be about 48 or 49 years of age. Sworn to and subscribed befor me the 4 day of Novmber 1843.

Gizzey X [her mark] Colyer

## NOTES:

The pension application of John Colyer is not in the file. There is no record of a Capt. John Tipton during the Revolutionary War. The pension applications of John Waddill (R10977), Stephen Redman (R8644), and John Hughs (S1536) indicate that Tipton served after the Revolutionary War in Gen. Arthur St. Clair's campaign against the northwest Indians, which ended in defeat on 4 Nov 1791. Colyer appears to have been pensioned for service in this campaign rather than for service in the Revolutionary War.

On 27 March 1844 Sarah Warden, "aged near eigty years," stated that the oldest child of John and Grizzey Colyer named William "must be as much as sixty-six or sixty seven years of age."

On 7 Nov 1848 on Rockcastle County Richard Colyer, 64, stated that he had known John and Grizzey Colyer since his earliest recollection. At the same time and place Stephen M. Colyer, born 10 April 1775, "for many years a preacher of the gospel," also stated that he had been acquainted with John and Grizzey in Virginia since his earliest recollection, and that one of his aunts had attended their wedding.