

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Collins VAS3081
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford [S6085] of this County of King and Queen and State of Virginia This affiant being first duly sworn according to law states upon his oath that he is a Revolutionary pensioner going on seventy six years old, and that he was well acquainted with John Collins late of the aforesaid County & state, that the said Collins Enlisted under Capt Reuben Butler [W4909] at some period of the War he does not recollect, for three years, as a private and served his time fully out; he does not recollect how long the said Collins served in Capt. Butlers Company, but well remembers that he was afterwards placed under the Command of Capt. Gutridge Crump [probably Goodrich Crump], in the second Virginia Regiment, and in the Continental line, and this affiant further states that he was frequently in Company with the said Collins after the expiration of the War and heard the said Collins relate various scenes and incidents that happened whilst in the service, and further this affiant saith not Sworn and subscribed before me this 9th day of April 1834



The Heirs of John Collins, who was a Soldier of Infantry in the Continental Line, in the Army of the Revolution, beg leave respectfully to present their claim to Land Bounty founded on the services of their deceased Ancestor, to the Executive of Virginia. They refer to the inclosed Certificate of the first Auditor, shewing that his name is on the Continental Army Register.

Petition for Bounty land.

John Collins sold'r C. L.

There are several John Collins of the Continental line, whose names are on the army Register, as soldiers & Corporal &c one of them received £140.8 as Corporal of Cavalry – another received £46.5.4 as soldier – another received £36. as Soldier – and there are several others of this name, on the army Register.

Leonard Shackelford a Revolutionary soldier, and a credible witness, says that he knows John Collins well – that sometime during the Revolution (the precise time not remembered) he enlisted in the Continental army for three years, and served out his term of enlistment.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ May 21st 1834

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 16th day of June 1783, in the name of John Collins as a soldier of Infantry for £46.5.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 28th day of May 1834.

J. Adams Smith 1st Clerk/ Acting AUDITOR.

Petition for bounty land.

Hrs of John Collins Sold'r C. L.

I reported upon the claim of a John Collins May 14 1834 and beg leave to refer to that report.

Resp'ly submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ May 28th 1834

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

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NOTE: John Collins S39356 was also from King and Queen County.