

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Aaron Collier R2111

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State of Tennessee }                    Magistrates office    June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835  
Hawkins County    }                    On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year 1835 personally appeared  
before me William Bubb an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Aaron  
Collier, a resident of Lee County in the State of Virginia aged 85 years past, who being first duly  
sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and  
served as herein stated. This applicant states that he was born in Bedford County in the State of  
Virginia on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1750. That he lived in Montgomery County  
Virginia when he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain  
George Parris [sic: George Pearis]. that the object of this call for volunteers was to attack the  
Indians on the frontier. The call was made by Col Wm. Preston. That the Company to which this  
applicant belonged met at the house of William Bobit [Bobbit or Bobbet], from thence to Col.  
Preston, and from thence to the mouth of big Stoney creek [Stony Creek]. here was a fort called  
Hatfields Fort [near New River and Pearisburg]. at this Fort they were stationed as well as he now  
remembers about two weeks guarding the frontier from the Indians. from this Fort they had to  
retreat, having heard that a large body of Indians were in the neighborhood of the Fort &  
intended to attack it. That they marched about ten miles up New river & thence up Sinking creek  
to near its head where they halted & were stationed about two months at a Fort called Lucas  
Fort. at this fort his term of service expired & he was discharged by his Captain & returned  
home. This Term of service lasted three months. This Applicant states that owing to old age &  
the consequent loss of memory he will not state positively the time he entered this Term of  
service but to the best of his recollection he entered the service for the month of June in the year  
1780.

This Applicant further states that [one or two illegible words] again entered the service of the  
United States as a volunteer, under the same Captain, George Parris. he cannot state particularly  
the time but to the best of his recollection it was in the Month of October in the year 1781 or  
1782 [sic] for he has a verry imperfect recollection of dates, that this call for volunteers was  
made by Major Clويد [sic: Joseph Clويد] to subdue the tories who had collected as it was  
understood, some place on the Yadkin river, that the company to which this Applicant belonged  
met at William Bobits. here Major Clويد took the command from Bobits they were marched up  
New river to the Mouth of Little river [in present Grayson County]. thence up Little river to near  
its head [in present Alleghany County NC], thence across the Blue ridge down to the Mulberry  
fields [now Wilkesboro in Wilkes County], thence to the head of the Cataba [sic: Catawba] river.  
here they received an express that the tories were collected at the Shallow ford of the Yadkin  
which caused them to be marched back, passing in sight of the Mulberry fields & thence on to  
the Shallow ford of the Yadkin, here within about a quarter of a mile of the ford they met the  
tories on a ridge at the fork of the road & had a battle with them [14 Oct 1780], in which the  
tories were defeated, having about eight of their men killed & seventeen wounded. the loss on  
the whig side was one killed & about three wounded, among whom was Captain Parris. that the  
company remained on the battle ground all night & from thence they were marched down the  
river a few miles & hutted at a washe house till the next day. from thence they returned to the  
Ford & having placed the wounded Captain on a litter they brought him on to the Moravian  
town, where they left him under the care of a doctor being discharged at this place, they  
returned home. he thinks his discharge was signed by Clويد his major. that he never took any  
care of his discharge thinking that it would be of no use to him so that he cannot tell now what  
became of it. This Applicant further states that the dates heretofore set down by him may be  
incorrect; but they are to the best of his recollection, which is verry incorrect. He states that his  
last term of service lasted three months. This Applicant further states that he has no record of  
his age, but there was one which he left with his son in the State of Virginia. He further states

that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. This applicant further states that he lives in Lee County Virginia which joins Hawkins County & the reason he applied in Hawkins is that a part of of his testimony, that is there who had been acquainted with him for a number of years, lived in Hawkins & he could have his business attended to more conveniently. this applicant further states that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood, but that he is well known to Robin Chiles & Benjamin Davis & Jonathan Pridemore William C. Harrison who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. This Applicant states that since the Revolution he has been living in Virginia, the most of the time in Lee County where he now lives He states that he never received a commission. This Applicant states that he cannot state positively the length of time he served, for he may have served longer than the periods above set forth, but to the best of his recollection he served not less that the periods above stated, making six months in all and for such service he claims a pension. This Applicant further states that the reason he has not applied for his pension before this is that he has been unable to get about & is at this Time scarcely able. This applicant states that he is verry infirm & unable to attend Court. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Virginia

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NOTE: On 6 Jan 1853 in Carroll County VA Shadrach Collier, 71, assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due to him as the son of Aaron Collier, who died in June 1842, and of Elizabeth Collier, who died in July 1830. He stated that they were married around 1770 and had lived in Grayson County VA about 40 years.