

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Cole R2130 MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[There is no application in the file. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote “not entitled” on this report.]

John Cole. Applicant.

this applicant stated on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1834 that he is 78 years old – and that he never served in the War of the Revolution in any other wise than thus – he mustered every other week in company musters and every months in Baltimore musters – he was called twice to Baltimore but went but once. the other tours was excused by his Captain on account of his activity in rideing about and warning in the men. he lived in Baltimore County 20 miles from the city – he was gone only 3 or 4 days when in Service. frequently contributed money, as others did to hire substitutes. – the statement now given is in substance the same as given to Jacob Copelan [sic: Jacob Coplin] who wrote his Declaration – Swore to the Declaration before Jacob Copelan who is a Magistrate and the same that wrote his Declaration. – if his Declaration claims for services not here detailed it does not contain the truth – agreed to give Copeland one years pay – in Witness that this Statement is true I hereto subscribed my name.

Witness/ Gustatus Harrison/ Joshua Cole

John Cole.

I the undersigned Joshua Cole certify that I was present when John Cole gave his narative of services in the War to Jacob Copelan, and that the statement then given is in substance the same as given in the above statement

Joshua Cole

Test Gustatus Harrison

[The following letter is in the file, but may not refer to the same John Cole.]

March the 20<sup>th</sup> 1860

Dear Sir [Commissioner of Pensions] after my resp'cts to you

I want to know whether a Pension claim in the name of John Cole has ever been received at your office or not as I am agent for him in trying to procure something for him for services rendered in the Revolution he is a very old man and is entire helpless I left his declaration in the hands of a man by the name of N. M. Dudley to procure some other evidence and I have never heard from it since if it has been received you will confer a great favor on me by letting me know what is still necessary to do to make his Claim a good one I will satisfy you for any trouble you may be at in giving me the necessary information you will please let me know by return mail to the

Yours/ T. C. Williams

N. B. My office is Cedar Bluff Tazewell County Va.