

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cole R2131

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State of Tennessee Henderson County

On this 2nd day of March 1840 Personally appeared before the worshipful Court now sitting in and for the said County it being a Court of Record John Cole a Citizen of said County who served a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution now near eighty-six years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he was a volunteer and served two months in Captain Kells [could be Hills or Nells] Company of volunteers and served on horseback and traveled through the Counties hereafter named. I John Cole was rendezvoused at Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina and marched through Chatham, Wake, Granville, Person, Orange and Guilford this tower [tour] of Duty was to suppress Disaffected men and Negroes and served my time fully out but received no Discharge –

Second tower I John Cole Substituted in John Hunt's place John Hunt was called out by Draft for three months a private soldier. I John Cole was Mustered into Service at Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina under Major Nalls [could be Halls] and was marched from Hillsboro to General Butler's near Haw River in said County there General Butler took the command and marched his army to Ramsey's Mill in Chatham County North Carolina at this place we were stationed and General Butler Detached of parties to spy around his camp – from there he marched to Wake Court house at that place my time of three months expired and was discharged by General Butler himself. William Hunt and Harris Woods served in this same three months tower with me & was Discharged at the same place. After I John Cole returned home in Orange County North Carolina Captain Davis Grisham called on me to serve short towers of Duty after the Tories and while in pursuit of them we cout fore [sic, caught four] men their names were Thomas Bookens, John Lewis,¹ Thomas Scarlett,² William Scarlett these four men were all returned into the North Carolina Continental line for 12 months – near that time there was orders for one man to be sent out of every seven man and a lot fell on a man by the name of John Johnson and I John Cole substituted in John Johnson's place and was enrolled at Hillsboro

¹ This may be the same man whose son filed a claim based on his father's service. The son's description of the service rendered by his father matches this veterans statements, to some extent. [John Lewis R6328](#)

² This may be the same man whose widow filed for a claim based on her husband service in 1781 in the North Carolina Continental line under Captain Coleman. FPA W17784.

in Orange County North Carolina and to serve 12 months a private soldier and was ordered from there to Cross Creek and at my arrival at Cross Creek I John Cole was Mustered into service in the main Army and in Lieutenant Purlls [sic, this could be a reference to Capt. James Pearl] Company and was marched from that place to the high Hills of Santee River and I John Cole was enrolled in General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army and in Captain Coleman's company and ordered into service for the term of time I engaged – and while at that place there was a call for volunteers to reinforce Colonel Lee's forces of Light infantry and I John Cole again volunteered to go to Colonel Lee's assistance and was under Captain Sanders in Colonel Lee's Regiment of Infantry and Daniel Clowers,³ William Clowers,⁴ John Lewis⁵ and Thomas Scarlett these last named man all volunteered when called on by Colonel Lee and served in Lee's Regiment until Discharged at Charlestown when peace was ratified with old England – and as to my Discharges they are lost or so mislaid so that I cannot present them to the Honorable Department – he further declares that he the same John Cole was born in Granville County North Carolina and brought up in Orange County North Carolina and moved from Orange to Bedford County Tennessee State and from Bedford to Henderson County Tennessee State – that he further declares that the reason why he the same John Cole has not made an application to the Honorable Department soon [sooner] for a pension is that I John Cole is void of Education has for want of a form and understanding how to present my term of service to the Honorable Department for a pension it has been delayed until the present – and that the great length of time and in consequence of old age and lapse of memory I cannot precisely recollect the date neither the year nor month when I John Cole entered the service nor do I know of any Soldier a living now by whom I can prove my actual Service by I also declare that I John Cole never was paid any money by any pay master who was paying soldiers of the Army of the Revolution. The discharge for 12 months fell into the hands of a John Murrey although I never received anything for my service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State whatever nor do I know of any papers being presented to that office in my name.

Years	Months	Days	Rank	Names and Rank of the field & Company officers	The age & place
0	2	0	a private	Capt Kell	Near 86 Orange County North Carolina
0	3	0	a private	Genrl Bitler [Butler] and Majr Nalls	
1	0	0	a private	Lieut. Perell [James Pearl] Capt. Coleman transferred to Col. Lee Capt. Sanders	

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Cole, X his mark

[fn p. 13: Joseph B Godby, a clergyman, and John Harmon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ Probably the same man as [Daniel Clower S37865](#)

⁴ Probably the same man as [William Clower S34690](#)

⁵ May be the same man as [John Lewis R6328](#)

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 23rd of March 1840

Sir

Your letter of the 20th instant was received this morning, and I have carefully searched the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, for the name of John Cole, but do not find it there.

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant
S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee Henderson County

This day William Cole a Citizen of the State and County first above mentioned came before me W. F. Kizer one of the acting justices of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law deposed and saith that he the said William Cole was well acquainted with John Cole and do know that this Identical same John Cole who has made application to the Honorable Department for a pension did actually start off from his place of residence to serve the Towers of Duty in the Army of the Revolution and had full knowledge of his returning home the place where he set off from and always heard himself and others who went with him and returned home at the same time that he served his term of time fully out as he states in his Declaration and do believe all the facts set forth in his Declaration to be true although I William Cole are six years younger than the same John Cole also I William Cole do testify that I have full knowledge of John Cole's moving from Orange County North Carolina to Bedford County Tennessee I knew him in Bedford and I now know him in Henderson County Tennessee and do know him to be the identical same and who has represented himself to have served in the Army of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March 1840

S/ William F. Kizer, JP

S/ William Cole, X his mark