

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Colley R2168

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State of Alabama Tallapoosa County: SS: On this the 13th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid William Colley, a resident of said County aged ninety-six years, 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 7 1832, That he entered the service about the commencement of the war as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Lang and in 1777 he enlisted, and joined Captain Dixon's Company of the first Regiment, that he was for some time a Corporal, he was then promoted to Sergeant and served for some time a such, he was, then made Sergeant Major, That he was under Colonels Joseph and Elie Curshaw [sic, Joseph and Eli Kershaw?], he was under Generals Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Lee, he entered the service in the State of North Carolina, at what time he entered the service as a volunteer he does not recollect, neither does he recollect at what time he was discharged (declarant being very old and infirm) he served in the whole time six years seven months and a half was in the battles of Rocky Mount, Black Creek Bridge, Santee, Buck Island, and numerous skirmishes not now recollected, was discharged by General Lee at Beauford [sic, Beaufort?] South Carolina, discharge burned at the time declarant's house was consumed by fire, served in the militia and regular Army both, he marched through Curshaw [sic, Kershaw] and Sumter [sic, Sumter] Districts in the State of South Carolina was at Charleston and other places not now recollected the services was in the South and North Carolina but the most of his service was in South Carolina he belonged to the cavalry the most of the time he was in the service, but served more than two years in the foot companies, that he has no documentary evidence nor knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services, 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 in the union, or elsewhere.

S/ William Colley, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year above written before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and I further certify that the said William Colley is from bodily infirmity unable to attend Court and that said col he is believed generally to be a man of truth. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 13th day of July A.D. 1843.

S/ William Cox, JP

[William W Carter, a clergyman, and Solomon Howard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that William Colley Corporal in Captain Dixon's company of the first Regiment, entered the service on the__ day of __in the year 1777 for the term of the War and he was a Sergeant 1st January 1778, a Sergeant Major 19th March 1778 – This is all that is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this sixth day of January 1744

S/ Wm Hill