

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ralph C. Collins R2182

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State of Kentucky } S.S.

Grant County }

On this 11th day of August in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Justices of the Grant County Court now sitting, being a Court of record, Ralph C. Collins, a resident of Grant County and State of Kentucky aged seventy two 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 Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the Spring of the year 1781 he was drafted for three months in the Company of Captain Colliers in King and Queen County, State of Virginia, was not in any engagement with the enemy during that time but was part of the time at Hubbards old fields and part at Abbington Church [sic: Abingdon Church] and from those places was marched to Gloucester and there discharged after having served out the whole time. The only field officers he now recollects were Colonel Roan [probably William Roane] and Major Roe. – they had barely got home before they were again called out by the same officers and from the same County. during this tour, which was more than three months, he was marched from Abbington Church to Gloucester point and was present in the American ranks during the seige of York, and after the surrender of the British [19 Oct 1781] he was one of those who guarded them or some of them up to a place called Todd's bridge [now Dunkirk in King and Queen County, 4 mi N of Aylett] and there he received his discharge but from the great length of time it has long since been lost. during this service he was under the same officers to wit Colonel Roan, Maj. Roe and Captain Colliers. – Afterwards he was out in what is generall known as St. Clairs Campain [see endnote] he was under Captain Dark for nine months, and with him at the defeat of St. Clair 4 Nov 1791], his Colonel's name was Dark, and his major was Bedinger. – some short time after the defeat of St Clair he moved to Kentucky and has been living in what is now Grant County, ever since its formation as a County.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services; neither is he known to any one who has a personal knowledge of his service.

He hereby relinquishes any 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Ralph C. hisXmark Collins

NOTE: Gen. Arthur St. Clair's campaign against the Indians occurred after the close of the Revolutionary War. Collins's claim was rejected pending further proof.