

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Coleman Ledbetter R6236

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina Guilford County

On this 7th day of October 1852 Personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Elisabeth Ledbetter a resident of North Carolina in the County of Guilford aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 29th day of July 1848.

That she is the widow of Coleman Ledbetter Deceased, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and served in the Army of the United States of America, as she always understood from him and so believes, for the Term of 18 months -- But whether he was drafted, or went as a volunteer she is unable to state, but she thinks he served in the militia as a private soldier, that he entered the service in the County of Chatham, of this State, where he was at that time a Resident -- that she is unable to state the precise time, when he, entered the Army, or the name of the Captain, Colonel, or other Officer under whom he served -- or the number or name of the Regiment, nor can she state where he marched, or in what Battles if any that he was engaged, nor is she able to state where he was discharged.

She has no discharge of his in her possession nor does she know of any.

That she intermarried with Coleman Ledbetter, who had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, on the 15th day of December 1794, in the County of Chatham in this State -- and they lived together as man and wife in that County, and in the County of Guilford, to which they removed, from the time of their said marriage until he died in the County of Guilford on the 5th day of January, 1845. And she is now his widow, never having since married.

And this Declarant further states that from her age and infirmity, and the great distance, she resides from any Court House, that she is unable to attend personally in any Court of Record to make this her declaration, and is therefore compelled to procure a Justice of the Peace, of said County to attend at her house and make it before him.

Sworn to & subscribed this 7th day of October 1852.

S/ A. Dilworth, JP

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State of North Carolina County of Guilford

On this 28th day of June 1856 Elizabeth Ledbetter aged 83 years, a resident of Guilford County, North Carolina personally appeared before me, the undersigned, an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law,

makes this her declaration, under the act of Congress, 3rd day of March, 1855, for Bounty Land, for the services rendered by her husband Coleman Ledbetter in the rev. War, that he joined the service in the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina, in the year \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ months under Captain \_\_\_ and did serve for 14 days and upwards, and was honorably discharged at \_\_\_

*no claims under the act of Congress 14 May 1856*

also declares that she has never applied for, nor received under this or any act of Congress, any Bounty Land warrant. She declares that her said husband died on the 5th day of January 1845 in the County of Guilford North Carolina and that she is still his widow -- never having been since married, that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth more than was married in the County of Chatham N. C. on the 15 day of December 1794 and that she is the Identical person who is now claiming a pension for herself for her said husband's Services in the Rev War and refers to her papers now in file in Washington City DC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th of the June 1856.

S/ Elizabeth Ledbetter, X her mark

S/ Abel Gardner, Junior, JP

[fn p. 7: Elizabeth Wheeler, 51, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Coleman and Elizabeth Ledbetter. Her affidavit is dated October 7, 1852 and given in Guilford County in front of A. Dilworth, JP. John Ballinger testified, among other things in support of the widow's application, that Coleman and Elizabeth Ledbetter had 9 children among whom was Elizabeth Wheeler.]

[fn p. 9: Sarah Self, a resident of Guilford County North Carolina gave testimony that she was born in Chatham County North Carolina January 5th, 1799, being the daughter of Stephen & Elizabeth Williams of Chatham County and was married to her late husband William Self November 13, 1817 in all room after the year of the exceeding drought which was the summer of 1816 in North Carolina; that her husband died September 13, 1853; that she lived a neighbor of Coleman and Elizabeth Ledbetter in Chatham County in 1817 and knew them for many years until they moved to Guilford County about 37 or 38 years ago; that she lived a neighbor in Chatham County to James Moore & Mary Moore, the mother and father of Elizabeth Ledbetter; that Elizabeth Ann Coleman Ledbetter had 9 children namely: Alice, James, Wesley Starks, James M., Elizabeth, Delphia, Anderson Cheves, Patsy and Coleman L. Ledbetter; that Alice the oldest child was married to George Merrett and had 3 or 4 children; that she and her husband removed to Guilford County in 1836 4 1837 and lived neighbors to Coleman & Elizabeth Ledbetter; that she and her son William were present in the house of Coleman Ledbetter in 1845 in Guilford County when he died between 12 & one o'clock at night; that she never knew anyone named Coleman Ledbetter (other than his son Coleman Leonard Ledbetter) who lived in Chatham or Guilford counties. William Self testified that he was born August 28, 1831; said Coleman Ledbetter died the night of the 5th of January 1845, between 12 & one o'clock & next day (Sunday) was old Christmas. The testimony of both Sarah and William Self was given on June 27, 1856 in front of Abel Gardner, Junior, JP.]

[fn p. 38: Jonathan Wheeler gave testimony that he is the husband of Elizabeth Ledbetter whom he married in 1824; "and this affiant always understood that Coleman Ledbetter was a Revolutionary Soldier and understood that he was a teamster & drove the Baggage Wagon 3 months of his service -- and affiant many years ago understood said Coleman was honorably

discharged & that his discharge was burnt in his father's house which was consumed by fire in Chatham and affiant understood said Coleman served 18 months in the war. His affidavit is dated November 10, 1853.]

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William Ledbetter made oath that he will be 75 years of age the 13th of September 1854 having been born the 13th of September 1779 -- that he is the Brother of Coleman Ledbetter who died in Guilford about 1845 from old age & infirmity. That Coleman was the third child out of eleven children & this affiant the youngest & children of William Ledbetter Senior of Chatham County in North Carolina. That his brother Coleman was married to Elizabeth more daughter of James Moore in Chatham County about 1794 by Elisha Cain a Justice of the peace in Chatham County -- and this affiant was at home at his father's in Chatham when his brother Coleman was married & brought his wife home & he went & opened the gate for them & was at the Infair [sic ?] -- And afterwards this affiant married Sarah Mitchell in Chatham & said Elisha Cain also married him & his wife & said Cain is since dead. That Coleman Ledbetter had about nine children in all & he left Elizabeth Ledbetter his widow residing in Guilford & is very aged & he thinks not able to travel to Court & has never since been married. All of said children of Coleman were born in lawful wedlock.

This affiant states that he always understood & believes that Coleman Ledbetter served a considerable time in the Revolutionary & was with his brother-in-law to bias Rodgers of Chatham who has since obtained a pension as this affiant is informed -- And affiant has often heard his brother Coleman & Tobias Rodgers their brother-in-law called & laugh about the skirmishes they had with the Tories & of changing their horses' shoes on one occasion to full the Tories to make them believe the horses traveled the other way & then they got round the Tories & caught them & put some of them in Hillsboro Jail -- But affiant cannot recollect of any Battle they were in or particular place of any of the Tory skirmishes -- though they spoke of a number. Said Coleman Ledbetter removed with his family to Guilford some time before this affiant came - - and affiant removed to Guilford 27 years since; the fall of 1826.

Said Coleman never received any pension, nor his widow Elizabeth any.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th day of January 1854.

S/ William Ledbetter