

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Collins S18771

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State of South Carolina Marion District: SS

On this 2nd day of \_\_ 1851 before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary now sitting William Collins a resident of said District, aged 55 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 approved the 7th of June 1832 for himself and James Collins, only surviving children of Jonathan Collins, both of said District and State. That his said Father enlisted in South Carolina for and during the Revolutionary war, was under General Lincoln, at the siege of Savannah, in the 2nd Regiment of South Carolina State Troops – was at the capture and fall of Charleston, when he was taken Prisoner by the British and 18 months, a great part of the time in irons on board of a British man of war and was exchanged at Jamestown in Virginia for other prisoners, and returned to South Carolina, and entered the service, under General Marion, and under the respective commands of Captain John Rogers, Shade Simonds [probably Shadrach Simons] & Benjamin Munnerlyn, and was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and several skirmishes near Georgetown, and in the Battle of the Blue Savannah, and continued in the service until after peace which he was discharged by General Marion at the Bowling Green.

He further states that his Father died on the 4th of September 1841 leaving no widow, but this affiant and James Collins, his only surviving children and that his Father during his lifetime was not on the Pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Edward B Wheeler, Judge

S/ William Collins



State of South Carolina Marion District: SS

Be it known that on this 18th day of December 1851 before the undersigned, a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared William Shaw<sup>1</sup> a resident of said District aged 92 years, who being duly sworn according to law; doth depose and say, that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Collins, late of said District, who was a soldier of the war of the Revolution, in the Continental Army of this State, and was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston and as he has always understood, taken to Virginia, and exchanged in the year 1781 and returned home, and again enlisted in the militia under General Marion, and served with this deponent for the space of 6 months under the command of Captain John Rogers, and 6 months

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S19078

under the command of Captain Shade Simonds, that the said Jonathan Collins was discharged after peace at the Bowling Green with this deponent by General Marion. He further states that from the evidence of his own service he refers to his application now pending before the Department.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above written.

S/ John McMillan, Magistrate

S/ W. Shaw

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Shaw".

[fn p. 14: Certificate dated January 6, 1852 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing payments made to Jonathan Collins for service in the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment.]

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 4th, 1841, for the veteran's two-year service as a private in the South Carolina State Troops.]