

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Joseph Coward S34255

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New Jersey        }        Be it remembered that on this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our  
Monmouth Ss:     }        Lord, eighteen hundred and eighteen, personally appeared before me William J  
Bowne one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth  
Joseph Coward sixty two years of age, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God,  
deposes and says that he this deponent enlisted as a private Soldier in the Army of the United States of  
America in the Revolutionary War with Great Brittain some time during the year one thousand seven  
hundred and seventy eight in the Company commanded by Capt. Henry Bedkin and in the Independent  
Legion, commanded by Count Polaski [sic: Kazimierz Pulaski]

      This Deponent further saith that he served against the common Enemy in the Independent  
Legion aforesaid, between twelve and eighteen months and was regularly and honourably discharged,  
which discharge he this Deponent received in writing which was destroyed by the refugees when his  
fathers house was robbed by them. This Deponent is now a resident in the County of Monmouth and State  
of New Jersey and further saith that he has no property other than what he obtains by his labour and that  
he stands in need of assistance for his support and further saith not                               [signed] Joseph Coward

State of New Jersey        }        On the eighteenth day of October eighteen hundred and twenty,  
Monmouth County Ss:     }        personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record and the  
Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Monmouth, Joseph Coward, aged about  
sixty six years, a resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, does on his  
oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that is to say as a private Soldier or  
Dragoon in Count Pulaskis Legion and continued therein one year agreeably to enlistment and obtained  
an honorable discharge which was afterwards lost as set forth in his original declaration dated April 5<sup>th</sup>  
1818 and on which he obtained a Pension Certificate No 96. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident  
Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or  
in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to  
bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person  
engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities  
contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto  
annexed and by me subscribed.

      Schedule.

No real or personal estate whatever (except necessary wearing apparel)       [signed] Joseph Coward

      Declarant on his oath aforesaid further saith that he hath no trade or occupation, except that of a  
Labourer and being a widower without a family (his children being all married or pursuing business for  
their own maintainance) he has for a number of years past lived with and amongst his children and  
friends without demanding or receiving from them any important compensation for his Services except  
his necessary Subsistence.