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Pension Application of Charles Colley S34702

VA

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State of Kentucky Madison [sic: Madison] County

To the Secretary of War

I declare on oath that I served as a private soldier ag't. the Common enemy, in the Army of the United States in the continental Establishment the term of Five years during the Revolutionary War. That I enlisted in the winter or Spring of 1776 with Capt. Thomas Johnston [sic: Thomas Johnson, Jr., company raised in Louisa County] of the 3rd Virginia Reg't. commanded by Col. [Hugh] Mercer, [William] Woodford's Brigade and Stephens's [sic: Adam Stephen's] Division. In which I served under various officers for two years – when I enlisted in the Cavalry under Maj'r. Wm. Washington [William Washington] and was commanded successively by Washington Milan and [Benjamin] Temple for the period of three years for which I had enlisted – at the expiration of which, to wit in 1781 I was honorably discharged. But deposited my Discharge in the Va. Land Office where I presume it is now.

I further declare that I am in reduced circumstances, I am need of the aid of Government. Given under my hand this 4th Day of June 1818

[signed] Charles Colley

On the 9th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Court being a Court of Record for the State of Kentucky and County of Madison, Charles Colly aged Seventy three years resident in Madison County in said State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. He belonged to the fourth Regiment of Virginia dragoons and to Captain Huds Company that his original declaration is dated 4th June 1818 and that the number of his pension certificate is 11745. and he further solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed to wit.

One mare one pot four chairs. He states that he owes about \$70 and has no debts owing to him

(Signed) Charles Colly

He states that he is a house Carpenter by occupation but now entirely unable to follow it He states that he has no children living with him. And that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country – Sworn and declared on the 9th day of September 1820.

He states that owing to a blot on the No. of his pension Certificate his is unable to distinguish the figures but he believes he has stated the No. above. And it is ordered by the Court that it be certified that the said Colly's property is of the value of \$44.00.

[The following discharge is in the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers of the Library of Virginia](#):]

This is to certify that Charles Colley of the Fourth Regmt. of Light Dragoons is hereby dischargd having served the full term of his enlistment as a good and faithfull soldier Given under my Hand this Seventh day of December 1780.

Banj'a Temple/ Lieut Col. Comd't.

from 30 Dec'r 1776 to }

30 Dec'r 1780 }

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