

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

Pension Application of James Coalden S35846

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State of Tennessee }

Montgomery County Sct. }

On this day being the 4th of May 1818 James Coalden a citizen residing in the County of Stewart & state aforesaid came before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee who being first sworn to Declare the truth & nothing but the truth Declares & says. That he was a private soldier in the army of the united states in the time of the revolutionary war He enlisted with Captain George Nicholas at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia in the summer or fall of the year 1774 or 1775 [company raised in Hanover County, 28 Sep 1775]. Capt. Nicholas commanded a Company in the 2nd virginia Regiment which Regiment was commanded by Colo'l. [William] Woodford & Lieut't Colo. Charles Scott he was enlisted for one year & served out the period & obtained his Discharge he was not during that year beyond the limits of the State of Virginia. In January 1777 to the best of his recollection of the Date he enlisted with Lieutenant John Shields who had been Leutenant on bard the brig Liberty but was then recruiting for the land service in the first virginia state Regiment & he was placed in the Company of Capt. Thomas Marriwether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] he was transfered to the company of Capt. John Lee & from him to Capt William Hofler [sic: William Hoffer] & he was marched with the Regiment Commanded by Col [George] Gibson into the State of Pennsylvania & joined General Washingtons Army on the Sunday [5th] after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] his enlistment was for three years but at Banbrook [sic: Bound Brook NJ] in the latter end of 1779 he reenlisted for the term of the war many of the soldiers of that regiment not have reenlisted it was ordered to return to the state of virginia & he had a furlow granted him until the 15th of May 1780 when he rejoined the regament at Williamsburg Was marched to petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] continued in service untill the winter of that year when Col'n Gibson gave him a furlow to enable him to attend to some of his Domestic consens untill the last of May in the year 1781. Shortly after he obtained his furlow his regiment was Divided & dispersed & he joined Company of artilery some time in that year & before the expiration of his furlow commanded by Captain Samuel Edins [sic: Samuel Eddins] of Colo. Geo Harrison [sic: Charles Harrison's] Regiment of artilery & done duty untill the month of September he joined Colo. Charles Dabney who commanded the 1^s Virginia Regiment & he continued in that regiment Was at the seege of york [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] & obtained his Descharge on the 22nd of April in the year 1783 after the War was over The 1st virginia regiment was upon Continental establishment from the time it was first marched into the State of Pennsylvania He further says that during the time he was in the service of the united states he was in battle of Hampton [24 Oct 1775]. At the Defeat of Fordeac at the long Bridge in virginia [sic: defeat of Capt. Charles Fordyce, Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775]. In the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] – At the storming of Stony point by Gen'l Wayne [Anthony Wayne, 16 Jul 1779] – and at the Capture of Cornwallas at york town [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]. Since the War of the revolution he says he was in the army for three years under the command of General Wayne in the State of Ohio during which last term of service he got both his feet frosted & is now a cripple. As his feet were frosted whole on Duty he suposed himself entitled to a pension but Gen'l [James] Wilkinson who succeeded Gen'l Wayne in the command of that army refused to give him any certificate because he was not disabled in an action with the enemy – he says he is in his sixty sixth year of his age is without property or home which he can call his own, earns his subsistence by breaking flax & this precarious recourse begins to fail him by reason of his declining health His papers & the evidence of service have been long since lost & destroyed & he knows of no person in this country who can testify any thing in his behalf That if Gen'l. Chales Scott of Kentucky were living he

could could give testimony of the truth of a considerable part of his narative & whether Col. Dabney is living or not he does not know but if living he is two removed to be applyed to being some where in Virginia
James hisXmark Coalden

District of Columbia ss. }
Washington County ss. }

On this 26 day of November 1821, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said county, James Coalden aged 72 years, resident in Washington City in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the Regiment commanded by Col. Harrison, Virginia line, as will appear more fully by my original Declaration, bearing date the 4th May 1818, & under which I have received a pension Certificate No 7905.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. I have no property whereof to make a Schedule.

NOTE: Coalden applied to have his pension transferred to the District of Columbia on 26 Nov 1821.