

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Colman (Coleman) S35848  
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State of Indiana } Ss  
Vigo County } [25 May 1818]

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the acting associate Judges in & for the County of Vigo Jacob Colman a Citizen of the State and County aforesaid, who made Solemn affirmation that he entered into the service of the United States in the latter end of the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as a private soldier in the thirteenth Virginia Reg't Commanded by Colonel William Russell and in Captain Benjamin Harrisons Company [raised in Yohogania County], in which Capacity he served until early in the year 1779 in which year [sic: 14 Sep 1778] the aforesaid Regim't became the 9<sup>th</sup> Virg'a. Regiment and Commanded by Colonel John Gibson. This Deponant further sayeth that early in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine he was Commissioned an Ensign and in the same year the aforesaid Regiment became the Seventh Virginia Regiment. This deponant further sayeth that he was Comissioned a Lieutenant and at the same time appointed the Adjutant of the aforesaid Reg't, in which Capacity this Deponant says he served to the End of the War; this deponant further sayeth that from his reduced Circumstance in life he stands in need of his Countrys Support,  
Jacob Colman  
[John Hamilton, pension application S36568, certified Coleman's service.]

Kentucky Jefferson Circuit St.

On this day [15 Jul 1819] came before me John P. Oldham presiding Judge of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial district of Kentucky including the Jefferson Circuit, Jacob Coleman aged sixty three years & being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress "To provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the U States in the Revolutionary War" that he the s'd. Coleman enlisted in the Service of the U States in the latter end of 1776 in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. commanded by Colo. William Russell in Capt Benj. Harrisons company on Continental Establishment & served therein until early in the 1779 when s'd. Regt. became the 9<sup>th</sup> Reg't. commanded by Colo. John Gibson & that early n 1779 (he thinks on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April) he received a Commission as an Ensign in s'd. Regt. & that in the same year it became the 7<sup>th</sup> Regt. that some time afterward (he thinks in the same year) he was commissioned a Lieutenant & served as adjutant to s'd Regt until the end of the war, so that he was in continued service from 1776 till the end of the War that he was disbanded at Pittsburgh; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], at White Marsh [Whitemarsh PA, 5 Dec 1777] when the British landed at the head of Elk [25 Aug 1777], at the taking of the Indian Towns on the Western Waters – that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

On the same day also came John Harrison who states on oath that he was a Lieutenant in the same regiment in which Jacob Coleman was; that he knew the s'd. Coleman as a private & as an officer & knows that he continued in the service from the year 1779 till he was disbanded at Pittsburgh after the close of the War – that he was with him in the battles of Germantown & Brandywine;

Shelby County State of Kentucky

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that Lieut. Jacob Colman enlisted in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment on continental establishment in Captain Benjamin Harrisons Company about the latter end of the year 1776 – That he continued in said Regiment, first a private, then a sergeant, then an ensign and last Lieut. and Adjutant until the close of the war. That the above Regiment, was when raised the

13th Virginia Reg't. and before and at the close of the war the 7th Virg'a. Reg't. – that we were well acquainted with the said Lieut. Coleman having served in the said Reg't. until the close of the war.

Given under our hands the twenty Eighth day of June 1819

John Knight [pension application W12051] Surgeons Mate late 7<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment

Joseph Winlock late Lt. 7<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regt.

[Knight and Winlock made similar statements on 12 July 1828 and in the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Kentucky Jefferson Ss.

On this day came before me John P. Oldham Presiding Judge of the fifth Judicial district of Kentucky including the Jefferson Circuit Richard Taylor [S46514] who states on oath that he was a Major in the same regiment in which Jacob Colman was, that he knew the said Colman as a subaltern Officer in the Ninth Virginia regiment, formerly the Thirteenth, and that the s'd. Coleman served as an officer more than nine months at one time in the aforesaid regiment. Given under my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1819

[signed] Rich'd. Taylor

District of Indiana Ss.

On this twenty third day of October 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record, made such by the laws of this state Jacob Colman aged sixty years resident in Vigo County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in Captain Benjamin Harrisons company in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line under continental establishment during the latter end of the year 1776 & in the years 1777 & 1778 & in the 9th Regiment in 1779, as an Ensign and in the 7th Regiment in 1780 as a Lieutenant and Adjutant in which capacity he served until the close of the war

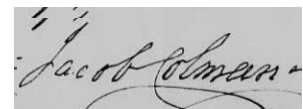
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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, original declaration made on the twenty fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, upon which a pension certificate has been issued dated the thirteenth day of August 1819 and numbered 14051. I have no property, no family my occupation a farmer but unable to pursue it for a living.

Jacob Colman

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of "An act for the releif of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I Jacob Colman of Vermillion in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Seventh Regiment of the Virginia Line under the continental establishment.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1783 instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of Congress of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1826 the sum of Four Hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the agent for paying pensioners in the State of Indiana

[Certified by John M. Colman and Stephen S. Collett.]



NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 20 Jan 1854 from John M. Colman of Iowa City inquiring about any benefits available for the services of his father, Jacob Colman, as well as a similar inquiry by his son, Samuel M. Colman, dated 31 Jan 1854.