

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Collier S39334

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Commonwealth of Virginia }
Mecklenburg County }

On this 20th day of July 1818, before us the subscribers sitting as justices of the County Court of Mecklenburg, personally appeared before us Wm. Collier aged 58 years, resident in the said County and State, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war." That he the said Wm Collier enlisted in Mecklenburg County in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. Samuel Hopkins of the 6th. Virginia Reg't; that he continued to serve in said corps for two years, when he was discharged from service in the state of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], sign of the white horse [skirmish at White Horse Tavern 3 mi W of present Malvern PA, 16 Sep 1777], mud Island fort [siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 - 15 Nov 1777], and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

James Martin being duly sworn saith that he saw the said Collier march after enlistment under Capt Saml. Hopkins and two years afterwards at Valley forge's Camp Pen. in this army.

District of Virginia Mecklenburg County Viz:

On this 19th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record) for the said County William Collier aged 61 years resident 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: that he enlisted under Capt. Samuel Hopkins and served out his time of two years, and afterwards reenlisted in a Company of horse in the regt. commanded by Colo. Thos. Bland [sic: 1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons commanded by Col. Theodorick Bland] for three years: that he has been placed on the pension list under the act of the 18th of March 1818; the date of declaration forgotten; Certificate number 12,732 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.

Schedule of property —

1 chopping axe	1 Compass Saw
1 hand saw	2 Round Shaves
1 drawing knife	1 Compasser
3 Chissels	
1 Sash Plane	
1 four Plane	[signed] William Collier

that he is by occupation a rough Carpenter without family and incapable of longer supporting himself from age and the effects of a wound received through his knee during the war