

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Cole S39345

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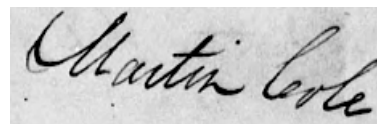
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South Carolina

Martin Cole of Spartanburg District personally came before me and being solemnly sworn Declareth. That about the month of September 1775 he enlisted as a common Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States for six months, in the first Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line Colonel Nash, Captain Alfred Moore, and that after the expiration of that term he reenlisted in the same Regiment in Captain John Walker's Company during the war. That he was in Fort Moultrie South Carolina when it was Bombarded by General Clinton & marched from thence to Wilmington North Carolina & returned again to Haddrell's Point South Carolina and was stationed there during the fall and winter of 1776. That he marched from thence to Philadelphia & was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown when Colonel then General Nash was killed – that he marched with the Regiment then commanded by Major Walker to Valley Forge where he was transferred to General Washington's Guard commanded by Captain Gibbs, and in the winter of 1779, he was returned to his former Regiment and returned to Charleston South Carolina where he was taken a prisoner on the surrender of that place to the enemy, and was by them sent to Williamsburg Virginia and exchanged – he then again joined his Regiment at Ashley Ferry South Carolina and was stationed on James Island South Carolina at the declaration of Peace and was then regularly discharged which he has lost. The declarant further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always hitherto and still resides therein and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to & subscribed the 15th of February 1819

S/ Martin Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Cole". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ David Johson

South Carolina:

George Roebuck & Henry Cole being sworn deposed that they served in the first North Carolina Continental Regiment Colonel Nash for the first eighteen months of the term of service of the within named Martin Cole and know that he performed the services within stated up to that time

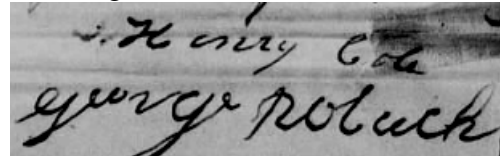
and that he marched with the Army from the northward and they have every confidence that the further facts stated in the foregoing declaration are true, & from their knowledge of his circumstances they think he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn & subscribed 10th of February 1819

S/ David Johnson

S/ Henry Cole¹

S/ George Robuck²

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Henry Cole" and the bottom signature reads "George Robuck".

South Carolina Spartanburg district: On the 12th day of April 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court of record (to wit – a circuit court of common pleas holden for the district of Spartanburg), Martin Cole resident in said district aged sixty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Martin Cole enlisted for the term of the continuance of the war on the 23rd day of September in the year 1775 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Alfred Moore, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Nash, in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment, that he continued in the service until the end of the war and was discharged from the service in August 1783 at James island, in the State of South Carolina. That in March 1819 he made his declaration in the court of Common Pleas in conformity with the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and that he afterwards received from the Secretary of War a certificate that he was inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the South Carolina agency at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the 15th day of February 1819 on which certificate he has received \$101. That he has been delayed in applying for a continuance of his pension by the difficulty of ascertaining & pursuing the proper mode of application

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” 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 to it one horse, two plows, one ax, one mattock, and one weeding hoe, that since the expiration of his first schedule the following change, alone has been made in my property, to wit, one tract of land containing 160 acres of the 3rd quality, was sold by Thomas Poole Esquire Sheriff of Spartanburg district for the sum of \$120, purchased by John Skinner to satisfy a judgment obtained by Theophilus Penny against William Cooper and myself, on a demand for which I was the surety of said Cooper, & from which I have never received any benefit but will in all probability lose the same by the insolvency of the principal. That I am by occupation a blacksmith but am by age & infirmity rendered incapable of pursuing my trade. He has neither

¹ [Henry Cole S39359](#)

² [George Robuck \(Roebuck\) S9467](#)

wife nor child living with him nor are any of his children able to contribute in the least to his support.

Sworn to and declared 12th of April 1825 before

S/ E. Bomar, Clerk

S/ Martin Cole

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 27th May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line in the Revolutionary War that Martin Cole a Sergeant Major in the 1st Regiment of said line was mustered on the 18th of November 1776 for three years, "Transferred to General Guards 19th March 78, Mus'd Sergeant for war in 1782." It also appears that Martin Cole a private in Captain Brown's Company of the first Regiment was mustered in 1777 for the war or 3 1/2 years and omitted in January 1778.

Given under my hand this day and date above written.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing February 15, 1819, for seven years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]