

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Collins S39356

VA

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Virginia to wit

At a Superior Court for the County of King & Queen held at King & Queen Courthouse on Monday the 4th of May 1818

[Court certification appears first.]

The Affidavit of John Collins of King and Queen County State of Virginia aged sixty one taken this 4th May 1818 before the Superior Court of King and Queen County. This affiant being first sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a private in Captain John Sears Company [sic: John Sayres, company raised in Gloucester County] in the first Virginia Regiment on the 1st day of August 1776 on continental establishment and that he was honorably discharged on the 1st day of August 1779 that he is poor and by reason of his reduced Circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his Country for support that he has lost his discharge and that he served from the time of his enlistment to the time of his discharge always in the first regiment but under the command of different Captains at one time he was Commanded by a Capt. Burwell and when discharged he was under the Command of Capt. Claiborne Lawson [Claiborne Whitehead Lawson BLWt1460-300]

Richard Longest [S38149] of King & Queen County State of Virginia aged about sixty years being first sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with John Collins & knows that he served in the Army of the Revolution as a private in Capt. Sears's Company, and fought in the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – And further this deponent saith not.

Additional Evidence & Certificate in the Case of John Collins.

Memo. That on this 3^d May 1819 the said John Collins appeared before me and produced as additional Witnesses in support of his application for a pension under the Act of Congress of March 1818 Thomas Collins, Thomas Hoskins, & Major Humphrey Walker.

The said Thomas Collins being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he well knows that John Collins the applicant, enlisted in 1775 under Capt. Sears in the 1st Virg'a Reg't. then commanded by Colo. Patrick Henry. That in 1776 he again enlisted in the same reg't. with Capt Guttridge Crump [sic: Goodrich Crump] – Colo. [Isaac] Read he believes then commanded the Reg't. which was on continental Establish't. and the said John Collins served till 1779, (& was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown, & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]) and was then discharged – & further saith not.

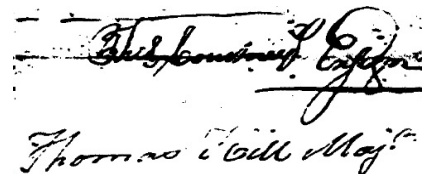
The said Thomas Hoskins, & Major Humphrey Walker being also duly sworn by me, depose & say, that they are well acquainted with the Circumstances of John Collins the applicant, and that he owns neither Land, nor Slaves, nor any other property of consequence, and that he is in reduced Circumstances – & further, they say not.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certifie that JOHN Collins a Soldire in the 1st Virg'a Reg'mt Enlisted 1st day of Aug't 1776 and was Discharged the 1st of August 1779 for which Term he Serv'd faithfully

Thos Courtney [Thomas Courtney] Ensign

Thomas Hill Maj'r



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is "Thos Courtney" and the bottom signature is "Thomas Hill". Both signatures are written over a horizontal line.

NOTE: This may be tthe same soldier as John Collins VAS3081.