

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Collins S41496

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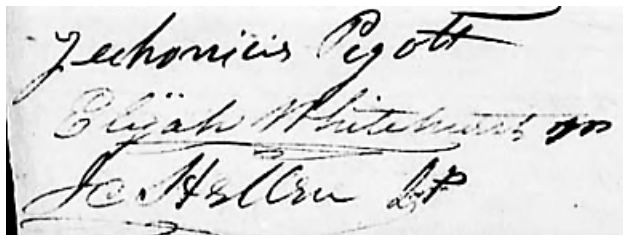
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State of North Carolina Carteret County: on the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1822 before Jechonias Pigott, Elijah Whitehurst and Isaac Hellen Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Carteret aforesaid held in Beaufort in said County personally appeared John Collins of Jones County and State aforesaid aged 66 years, who doth on oath depose and say as follows, to wit: That this deponent sometime in the month of March, 1776 enlisted with Captain Edward Ward in the eighth Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Armstrong of the North Carolina Brigade of the Continental Army to serve for the term of three years and was afterwards enrolled in the company of Captain Robert Raiford of the same Regiment; afterwards at Valley Forge when the Regiment was reduced, this deponent was enrolled in the company of Captain Benjamin Williams of the second Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton in which company this deponent served as orderly Sergeant until his discharge as herein after mentioned and this deponent further saith that he did serve out his time of three years agreeably to his enlistment and was honorably discharged in the month of March 1779 and that he this deponent was actually present and took a part in the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown and the deponent further saith that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support and moreover that he always has been and yet he is a Citizen of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before us 22nd March 1822

*John Collins*



Jechonias Pigott  
Elijah Whitehurst  
Isaac Hellen

And at the same time and place came before us as aforesaid Willoughby Prescott<sup>1</sup> and Joel Dickson<sup>2</sup> of Carteret County each aged about 70 years who being sworn did depose and say

<sup>1</sup> [Willoughby Prescott S41966](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Joel Dickson S41508](#)

That day the deponents knew the aforesaid John Collins in the Regular Army of the United States in the Revolutionary Or and that the said John Collins did serve three years as an orderly Sergeant first in the eighth and afterwards in the second Regiment of the North Carolina Brigade of the Continental line of the United States and that the said John Collins was a good soldier, and these deponents verily believe, did his duty faithfully and further these deponents saith not.

S/ Willoughby Prescott, X his mark

S/ Joel Dickson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Jones County: March 20th 1822

A schedule of the property of John Collins of said County (to wit) 125 acres of piney land, one horse colt, three cows and seven young cattle, 10 head of hogs, two pewter basons, two pots, one tea kettle, one skillet, two tea pots, half dozen tea cups & saucers, four glass tumblers, two tables, two chairs, one chest, eight spoons, three washing tubs, two pails, one earthen dish, one tin bread basket, one judgment against Christopher Elmore of \$2.40. – Amount of debts due from me as follows, to wit, one judgment of \$100 due to Hinton Barber, one do due to Lewis Sanderson of \$12 & cost, one do due Simon Foscue of six dollars with interest and costs, one note to John Strong of \$29, one note to Thomas Westbrook of five dollars. Family consists of myself aged sixty-six years wife forty years.

S/ J. C. Hellen

S/ John Collins

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 1<sup>st</sup> April 1822

I William Hill Secretary of Date in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Collins a Sergeant in Captain Raiford's Company of the eighth Regiment was mustered on the 11th of February 1776 for three years, but nothing is said of his discharge.

Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1822

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing March 20th, 1822, for three years service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina Continental line.]