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Pension Application of Richard Cole S8229

VA

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...The Commonwealth of Virginia...

Bath County to wit

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Bath now sitting in open Court Richard Cole aged Eighty two years last March a resident of this County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born in London in England on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1750 but has no record of his age in Court. That he enlisted in the continental service of the United States in the year 1780 for and during the War and continued in the service until the War ended. That he enlisted under Captain William Long and was with his company attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney he enlisted at the Warm Springs in the then County of Augusta in this state and was marched down to near Portsmouth in this state where he was stationed for some time from thence he marched to sleepy hole [on Nansemond River in present Suffolk City] and from thence to the south side of James River opposite to James Town from thence crossed to James Town and was in the battle at Hot Water about eighteen miles above Williamsburg [Battle of Hot Water Plantation, 6 mi NW of Williamsburg] under the command of General La Fayette [Lafayette] and was from thence [sic] drove by the British into the County of Albemarle in this state to a place called Raccoon ford [on Rapidan River] at which place General Wayne joined the army [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781] and pursued the British down to Richmond, Williamsburg and to York and was at little York and in the battle at the time of Cornwallis's surrender [Siege of Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] he was then marched to Winchester Barracks where he was discharged on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1783 which discharge he has lost

He is not in possession of any documentary evidence by which he can establish the fact of his services as above set forth that he does not know of any person now living by whom he could prove the same, that there is no minister of the Gospel residing in his neighborhood. That William McClintic and Alexander McClintic are his neighbors who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier, that he has no record of his age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Richard Cole

[The following records from [rejected-claims in the Library of Virginia](#) are for a Richard Cole who appears to be the same as above.]

At a Court held for Augusta County December the 18<sup>th</sup> 1781.

On the Petition of Patsey Cole Wife of Richard Cole a Soldier now in the Continental Service, setting forth (and [three or four illegible words] appears) that she is very poor and has two children to support, and that she is not able to Maintain them. On Consideration of which the Court were of Opinion that she be allowed Three Barrels of Corn and an hundred and fifty pounds of pork, or Beef in proportion in leu thereof and It is Ordered that the Comissary of the Provision Law cause the same to be Issued

A Copy

Richard Madison Clk AC

Augusta County S.s

Smith Thompson [pension application S38438] of said County this day made oath before me a

Justice of the piece for said County, that he this affiant was personally well acquainted with Richard Cole of Bath County. That he knew him well when a soldier in the Revolution and [illegible word] he was a regular soldier on continental establishment but what Regiment he does not recollect. he was at the taking of Cornwallace. Given under my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1831.