

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Cole S8230

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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Session January term 1833
Buncombe County }

On this 11th day of January personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Joseph Cole a resident of said County and States his age 87 years. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 – To Wit – That he was born on the [illegible] day of June 1746 (has a record of his age made by his Parents) in Morris County State of New Jersey that he remained there untill married and moved to Frederick County in the State of Virginia. that he was there drafted for the term of 3 months (cant recollect the day and date) by Capt Willson [sic: Wilson] of the Virginia Militia that he marched under Capt Willson and Col. Callowmeese [sic: Marquis Calmes] in company with or near about 100 men to the main army and joined the army commanded by Gen'l. Geo Washington 10 or 12 miles or near about that from Philadelphia Penn) and joined the army two days after the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. that he was in no battle during this term of service. that he received his discharge from Col Callomeese which discharge he has lost and returned home (cant recollect what date) That he removed then to Montgomery County in the said State and Volonteered for another term of 3 months under Capt. Joshua Martin, a resident of the same County and was joined to the Regiment commanded by Col. Hughey Crockett [sic: Hugh Crockett] and mustered to No Carolina and had an engagement with the British and Tories at a place then called Lindsey's mills and was defeated [see endnote] That he marched to several points in said state but was in no other Battle during this term of service and received his discharge from Col. Crockett and returned home. That shortly after that he volunteered under Col. [Charles] Lynch for an other term of 3 months and was engaged in a skirmish with the Tories in Montgomery County and was attacked during the night. that they defeated the Tories and took two Captains and a commissary. that he did not serve this three months out but the Col give them a discharge with a view of calling on them if needed at any time. That this was granted to them for full service of three months. That he lived a great many years in Virginia and removed to to Buncombe County No Carolina where he now resides. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworned to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Joseph hisXmark Cole

Joseph Coles certify before the court that he served in the army of the revolution the term of 9 months. sworned and subscribed with other certificate here made as appear.

State of No Carolina } County court of please and quarter sessions
Buncombe County } October Session 1834.

Personally appeared before the court of please and quarter session now in session for said county and state aforesaid Joseph Cole who having been first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath certify as follows. That he entered the army of the revolution in Frederick County in the State of Virginia in the day and date not recolected and was drafted by captain Willson and joined General George Washingtons Army ten or twelve miles from Philadelphia two days after the battle of Germantown that he served his three months out and was duly discharged by Colonel Callowmeese (which discharge he has lost or mislaid). That after returning home he removed to Montgomery County in said State where he volenteered for three months under Captain Joshua Martin a resident of the same County and joined Colonel Hughey Crocketts Regiment and marched to North Carolina where he had an engagement with

the British and Tories at Lindseys Mills where we were defeated and after said term he was marched to several other points in said State, but was in no other battle during said term for which service he received a regular discharge from Col. Crockett (which discharge he has lost or mislaid) That he then returned home and volunteered under Col. Lynch for an other term of three months and was engaged in a skirmish with the Tories that they defeated the Tories and took two captains and a Comissary with fifty seven men that he served two months and twenty seven days and received a discharge from Col. Lynch (which discharge he has lost or mislaid) that he then removed to Buncombe County North Carolina where he now resides. He hereby relinquishes every Claim for a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any other state sworn to and subscribed this the 24th day of October A.D. 1834.

Joseph X Cole

Questions propounded by the Court.

Q. 1st Where and in what year were you born

A. 1st Born in morris county in the state of New Jersey on the ninth day of June A.D. 1746

Q. 2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

A. 2^d A record in my Bible now before the Court.

Q. 3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary War and where do you now live

A. 3^d In Frederick County State of Virginia I have lived in Buncombe County State of North Carolina where I do now live

Q. 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a Substitute, for whom?

A. 4th First drafted then volunteered and a substitute for no person

Q. 5th State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. such continental and Militia regements as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your services

A. 5th I was drafted under Capt. Willson in the Virginia militia marched under Col. Callowmese served under General Washington Colonel Crockett and Col. Lynch Capt Willson Col. Collowmese Col. Crockett Col. Lynch he cannot recollect the regiment but was in the Militia and in the service under Gen'l. Washington my first Tour. and under Col. Crockett three months afterwards and Col. Lynch after that two months & twenty seven days.

Q. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it

A. 6th I received a discharge for all my services from Col. Callowmese Col. Crockett and Col. Lynch all of which is lost or mislaid

Q. 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

A. 7. The reverend Aaron Freeman & Robert Rogers Esqr will & do testify as to my services and reputation during my residence in their neighbourhood

State of No Carolina } Personally appeared before me Thomas T. Patten an acting Justice
[illegible] County } [several illegible words] and for said county Richard Barrett [Richard
Barrett] a [several illegible words] said County who having been first duly sworn [according] to Law doth
hereby certify that he was in the revolutionary war in the militia of Virginia with Joseph Cole whose
declaration for a pension is hereunto annexed for attached under Col. Lynch for a term of two months
and twenty seven days and that he was duly discharged by Col. Lynch in company with him and I
further certify that I believe the said Joseph Cole rendered all the service claimed by him in his
declaration and that he has been always known and called as a revolutionary soldier Given under my

hand and seal the 24th day Oct'r AD 1834.

[signed] Rich'd Barrett

State of North Carolina }
Buncombe County }

On this 25th day of October 1836 personally appeared in open court, before the county court of Buncombe now sitting Joseph Cole a resident of Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina aged ninty one years, who being first duely sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

that he entered the service of the United States as near as he can recollect, for the reason of old age and the great relapse of time this claimant cannot come to precise dates. But this claimant recollects very well that he was a resident of Frederick County in virginia, and there was drafted and entered the service as a private, under Col. Calemes and Capt. Wilson, and marched immediately to join the main army, under Gen'l. Washington and did join the army two days after the battle of Germantown, for he was in hearing of the battle when it was fought, he still remained with the army under the same Captain, untill the weather was getting very cold, when his term of service expired which was three months, he rec'd. a discharge and returned home just before the army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge;

This claimant then removed to Montgomery county in Virginia and was some time afterwards drafted again, and entered the service under Capt Joshua Martin and Col. Hugh Crockett at Montgomery Court House and marched immediately to North Carolina and there joined the army under the command of Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates he thinks, and he recollects very well that they was marched through a poor country and suffered much in want of vituals, and further he recollects well of encamping at Rugeleys Mills, and then was marched from there in the night and had not went far before they met the enemy and there was some firing, and there the remained until day light, when the woods appeared alive with red coats and them pushing on to the charge, there was then some more fireing and immediately the Americans retreated [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]; this claimant and others in great confusion, and still heard heavy firing for some time, this claimant thinks they went about five miles and there rallied, and from that time he was in no other ingagement but was marched from place to place rather in confusion untill his term of service expired which was three months. he then was discharged and returned home.

This claimant further states that sometime afterwards the Tories became troublesome, and he volunteered under the command of Col. Lynch for three months to go against the Tories, and that immediately the comminced marching through the adjoining country picking up and dealing harshly with the Tories, until they broke them up, and he was then discharged at the expiration of two months, the commander thinking it useless to keep them longer, as they had pretty much subdued the Tories, by taking some of their captains, commissary, &c. In this term of service no peticular engagement ocured, the Tories was generally scouting about and sometimes firing on this claimants party: Thus making in the whole Term of active service Eight months a private soldier

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:

This claimant further states on the Interrogatories as follows.

1st Was born in East Jersey June 9th 1745

2nd As given to me by my father. lived in Virginia as above stated

" I rec'd discharges from the service but they are all lost so that I cannot tell what has become of them. The foregoing is all that I can recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Joseph hisXmark Cole

NOTES:

I could find no record of an engagement of Lindsey's Mills NC. There was a battle at Lindley's

Mill in Alamance County NC on 13 Sep 1781, but that did not involve Virginia troops.

A Treasury-Department document states that the children of Joseph Cole received his final pension payment up to the day of his death, 14 April 1842.