

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Collins S8246

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State of North Carolina County of New Hanover: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 13th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of New Hanover, now sitting, at the Court House in Wilmington, James Collins a resident of the County of New Hanover & State aforesaid, aged about seventy-five 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. –

That he was born in the County of Pasquotank State aforesaid somewhere about the year 1757. – That he has no record of his age – That he lived in the County of Onslow North Carolina at the time he was called into service & that he now lives & has lived since the revolutionary war in the County of New Hanover North Carolina.

That he served three terms of three months each during the revolution, twice as a draftman [sic, drafted man] & once as a substitute. – The particulars of which are as follows – viz. that he first entered the service under Captain Wm Cray, Colonel Mathews & General Lillington in the latter part of the year 1779. That he marched under them from Wilmington North Carolina by the way of Georgetown & months Corner [sic, Moncks Corner] to a little place called Dorchester in South Carolina. That there being met by two United States officers Colonel Dickson & Major Sharpe he marched with & under them to Charleston South Carolina. That he there served with the troops commanded by General Lincoln seven or eight weeks & assisted in throwing up a breast-work or fortification for the defense of the city – at the expiration of which time, the militia under General Lillington being discharged, he returned to Wilmington North Carolina under the command of Captain William Cray, where & from whom he received a discharge in the latter part of March in the year 1780. –

That after that his return from Charleston he went up into Chatham County North Carolina in November of the year 1780 – at which time & place there was a draft made – That among the men drafted was one by the name of Parish Self, whose place he took in the company commanded by Colonel Crump with whom he marched to Salisbury North Carolina where he joined a body of men under the command of Colonel Farmer & Major Murphy. – That he marched with them to a place on the Catawba River called Cowan's Ford, where he remained

four or five weeks guarding the Ford for the purpose of preventing the passage of the British forces. That at the expiration of that time the British effected a passage six or seven miles below where a body of men were stationed under the command of General Davidson. – That after the passage of the British forces, he marched back under the command of General Pickens & Major Sharpe, (who had come to them one or two days previous) to Salisbury. From thence across the Yadkin in the direction of Guilford Court House within about 20 miles of the same where he was discharged in the year 1781 – the time for which he acted as a substitute having expired. – That after his discharge he returned to Onslow his place of residence & was drafted again in July in the year 1781 & entered the service under the command of Captain Amos Love & General Lillington with whom he marched to Trenton in Jones County North Carolina in pursuit of a body of troops under Major Craig. That at Trenton he with the rest of the company to which he belonged were granted permission to return home, subject however to be called out, in case of emergency, to serve out the balance of the time for which he was drafted. – That in September of the same year he was accordingly called upon & turned out under Captain Amos Love at the Richland Chapel in Onslow County, where he joined a body of militia under Captain Coleman, Captain Becotes [Peter Becot?], Lieutenant Slade [Stephen or William Slade?], Lieutenant Cotgraves [Arthur Cotgrave?] & Lieutenant Pastors[ John or Thomas Pasteur?]. That with these he marched into Duplin County North Carolina to a place called the Cross-roads. That he there remained until near the expiration of his time of service, when he was marched back to the Richland Chapel & discharged in the latter part of the year 1781.

That the above is a faithful account of his services. That his several discharges he has lost. – That he knows of no person living who can testify to any part of his service except Stephen Costen<sup>1</sup> of the County of Onslow North Carolina who served with him in his tour to Charleston under Captain William Cray & whose testimony is to that portion of his service is here with transmitted.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Collins, X his mark

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I Stephen Costen of the County of Onslow do hereby certify that I served with James Collins, who has signed the above declaration in one tour of three months under Captain William Cray & General Lillington in which tour we marched to Charleston South Carolina & served with the troops commanded by General Lincoln & I do hereby further certify that I have heard that part of his declaration read to me & that the statement made by him is correct & true to the best of my knowledge & belief.

S/ Stephen Costen, X his mark

[Montague W Campbell, & John A. Lillington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina County of New Hanover: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions – June Term 1833

Personally appeared in open court this 10th day of June A.D. 1833 James Collins who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S6777

oath further declare that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present, under the act of June the seventh 1832 – That there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood, which is the reason that the certificate of one was not obtained & that he has no documentary evidence of his service – furthermore he declareth not.

S/ James Collins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]