

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Colbert S9212

VA

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County of Frederick Ss.

On this 1st day of October 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County John Colbert resident in said County aged sixty two years who being first sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820 that he the said John Colbert enlisted for during the war in the Spring of the year 1781 near Winchester in the State of Virginia (the month he cannot recollect) in the troop of Cavalry or Light Dragoons commanded by Captain Armand Vauglusion [sic: Martin Armand Voglusion] (not attached to any regiment, was well as he recollects) in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment [sic], that he continued to serve in the said corps until the month of May 1783, when he was discharged from the service at Hampton in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension that he has been until now able to obtain a living by his Labour, & with the little property that he had but finding himself getting infirm with an afflicting Palsy, and his eyesight being very much impaired, he can labour but very little so that he is in danger of coming to want.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz: one black horse; one mare, two colts, two cows, ten head of Sheep, one Sow, two Pigs, one Stove and pipe, one Cart, two Sows, one harrow, one Shovle, one hoe, one plough, one Silver watch, one Saddle and Bags, two Axes, one table one oven and a lot of tools.

John hisXmark Colbert

That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property to wit: At that time I lived in Montgomery County Pennsylvania and had only sundry articles of household furniture, and about five hundred dollars in cash. Having been a native of Frederick County and being afflicted with a complaint in my eyes, and having lost my wife, I concluded to sell of what little property I had & remove to that County I accordingly sold my furniture at public sale which brought about one hundred and sixty dollars; with that, and the money that I had by me I came to Frederick County and purchased some stock an Farming Utensils with the money that I had left after the expenses of removeing, and going to Philadelphia where I went in the fall of 1819 and was there under the hands a phisician for about six months for the disease in my eyes and the paralytic disorder The property I have now is what I first bought when I came to Virginia and what has been raised by me from the Stock I first had and the furniture is the same that I then bought: and I have neither bought nor sold any property since. I am a farmer by occupation. Live in a house with a man whose sister I married since I came to this County, and who owns a piece of Land, and I generally hire a hand or two to assist on the farm, and I have now a wife who is upwards of fifty years of age, who is not a healthy woman being frequently under the Doctors hands

State of Virginia

Frederick County Ss.

On the 11th of August 1832 before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia, personally appeared John Colvert, or Colbert, a resident in the said County of Frederick, who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that when he made his declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, which is now, as he understands, among the files in the War Department, he was informed that Service of Nine months would entitle him to a pension, and that therefore it was not necessary to be particular as to the time of his enlistment, so that he stated that he enlisted in the Spring of the year 1781, and that he was discharged in June 1783. But he could then have stated, and does now upon his oath state, that he enlisted in Capt. Armands corps in Winchester in the month of May 1781, he presumes in the early part of the month, as they marched from Winchester in that month, and that he served until the month of June 1783, making his term of service two years and about a month.

John hisXmark Calvert

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Frederick County]

To the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Petition of John Colbert of the County of Frederick respectfully shewith:

That your petitioner was a private in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted in May 1781 in a Company of Cavalry commanded by Capt. Armond Vauglusen and served in that corps until May 1783, when he was discharged at Hampton in this Commonwealth: That he received a certificate for the land to which he was entitled for his said services, of which evidence may be found in the Land office at Richmond. That he is now advanced in years, very infirm and unable to support himself and family in a comfortable way: That he beleiving himself entitled to a pension under the acts of Congress providing for persons engaged in the Land and Naval service during the Revolutionary War, he made application to the War department, having made out his case as to his service. But on examining his claim it was found that Capt. Vauglusen under whom he served was not attached to the Continental establishment, but commanded a troop of Cavalry belonging to the Virginia State line; and as the laws of the United States provides only for thos persons who served on the continental establishment his claim could not be allowed, as he was informed by a Letter from the War Department which is enclosed; Your petitioner can therefore only hope for aid from the Legislature of his own state. Trusting that the accidental circumstance of his having served in the State line, will not place him in a more unfavourable situation, than those who performed the same service in the Continental line, he relies upon the justice of the General assembly for an annual allowance equal to that allowed by the United States to those who served, as he did, in the perilous and suffering times of the Revolutionary War.

And as in duty bound will ever pray. John hisXmark Colbert

Fred'k. County Nov. 1827

Dec'r 7th 1827 ref'd to Claims/ 1827 Dec'r 31st Rejected/ 1828 Jan'y 2nd Reported

[The following from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) may refer to the same John Colbert.]

This is to certify that John Colbert enlisted in the Cavalry of Virginia January 10th 1781 to serve during the War & has served until this present time and is discharged from the service by order of Governour & Council this 6th day of April 1783.

W. Armistead Capt. [William Armistead R12155]

Executive Dept. 11 Feb 1834

The above is a true copy of a paper filed in this Department

Wm H Richardson

Jno Colbert drew 200 acres No. 723

Petition for additional bounty

John Colbert Soldier S.L.

This soldier has received 200 acres of land, for a service during the war.

The certificate of Captain Wm. Armistead (a copy of which is fil'd) states that John Colbert enlisted in the Cavalry of Virginia Jany 10 1780[?], for the war, and servd until he was discharged by order of the Governor & Council April 6th 1783.

The act of oct 1780, offered to soldiers who had enlisted, or should enlist, for the war, prior to April 1st 1781, and serve to the end of it, 300 acres of land. The additional 100 acres is now claimed.

Resp'y submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Tazewell May 145h 1834

NOTE: On 1 Oct 1827 Joseph Parrel made a statement in support of Colbert's claim for a pension. On 4 Aug 1854 Sarah Perrell assigned power of attorney to obtain benefits for the service of her brother, John Colbert, witnessed by Mary T Parroll.