

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Collie (Colley) S9233
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State of Virginia } SS
Pittsylvania County }

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Charles Colley a resident of Pittsylvania County & State aforesaid aged Seventy four 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of July 1776 with Captain Peter Perkins and Lieut. Burwell Smith [Boswell Smith?] for six months and marched from the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia directly to New London then in the County of Bedford [now in Campbell County] and joined Colo. Lewis' [Charles Lewis's] Regiment at that place and marched with the said Regiment directly to the Islands of Holston [Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where they were united with two or three other regiments commanded by Colo. Christia [sic: William Christian] and Colo. Williams [suffix, possibly Jr.], were stationed there for some time & then marched from that place, the whole of the regiments under the command of Colo. Christia through the woods and wilderness one hundred and fifteen miles to the Indian Towns on the Tennessee River. just before they arrived, the Indians having fled, the Regiment took possession of their towns and were in their huts about nineteen days, finding that they could not overtake the Indians and their provisions becoming scarce, they were marched back to the Islands of Holston, their march being entirely through the woods, was very slow, and tedious, that he said Colley was discharged by Capt. Perkins about the last of January 1777 having served six months and fifteen days. his discharge is lost and cannot be found, but the service rendered fully proved by Jesse Gwin [pension application S8645] who was a soldier with him in the same Company the whole of the time.

He was born in the County of Stafford in the state of Virginia on the 25th day of January in the year 1756, his age is recorded in a family Bible that is now in the possession of his Brother James Colley. He came to the County of Pittsylvania Va when he was ten years of age and has lived in said County sixty six years.

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

Charles Collie

I Jesse Gwinn of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and solemnly Swear that Charles Colley of the County aforesaid was a revolutionary soldier, that he served a tour of duty with me in the year 1776 in a Company Commanded by Capt Peter Perkins, that we marched together in said Company from the County of Pittsylvania to New London, from there to the Islands of Holston, we were stationed there for some time and went from that place with several Regiments of men, Colo. Christia was commander in chief, through the woods, one hundred and fifteen miles to the Indian Towns on the Tennessee River, we remained in the Towns for some time and marched back and were discharged, to the best of his recollection, the whole time of service rendered on the tour was upwards of six months.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1832

Jesse Gwin

Pittsylvania Va July 5th 1834

The Hon. Louis Cass Secretary at War

Sir, Charles Collie is receiving a pension From Government which I think is unjustly Doct Joseph

Flippin [Joseph Flippen, pension application S8485], who has lived near the said Collie before the revolution and ever since I in a conversation with me sometime since stated that he always deserted and never rendered the Country any Service that there came a requisition for every fifteen men to furnish a man, and, Collei was then a deserter and sent word that he would go for two thousand Dollars which they gave him and he then Deserted and never rendered any Service and several other statements. Mrs Nancy Slaydon, who lives in sight of Collei and have been acquainted with him, also before the revolution, will give evidence that he never served his Country but always Deserted. I refer you to Tho L Smith auditor who can give you information as to the respectability of Doct Flippin that you may be fully satisfied as to the character. I am Sir your Humble Servant

Joseph Barentt

NOTE: Repeated requests from the Pension Office to Joseph Flippen for further information regarding Collie's service apparently went unanswered. The following note on Collie's pension certificate indicates that his pension was temporarily suspended:

"Suspended - Caveat within

let R. Anderson esq. Agt. Richmond July 22 '34

" J. Flippen - July 22 1834

" [illegible abbreviation] Agent. pay't resumed Jany 24, 1836"