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Pension Application of Robert Cole W18924 Dicey Cole VA
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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions
Guilford County } February Term, A.D. 1845.

On this the 20 day of February 1845 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County, now sitting, James Cole, a resident of said County, aged 75 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 7th 1832.

The declarant, the aforesaid James Cole, sets forth upon his said oath, that he has reason to believe and does believe that, his deceased father, Robert Cole, (then a resident of Chesterfield County, Virginia,) as a private of Infantry, in the Virginia Continental, did serve the United States, in the War of the Revolution, against the Common enemy, about Five years.

The declarant has frequently heard his deceased father speak of his Revolutionary Services, and of the following named officers, to Wit: General Washington, General [Anthony] Wayne, and Captain Ricee [probably Rice], under the last named officer the declarant is under the impression, his father served, at least, part of the time, and was paid by said Rice. That at the end of his fathers revolutionary services, he received a discharge therefor, but that the declarant does not know what has become of it.

That this declarant's father, the said Robert Cole, soldier as aforesaid, was living in the County of Chesterfield, State of Virginia, during the war of the Revolution, as he has often heard his parents say: And, farther; that they were married, in said County of Chesterfield, by the Rev'd Mr. McRoberts, in the year of one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy-Three. (1773)

That said declarant cannot find any "Family Record." That the Declarant further states upon his said oath, that his father the aforesaid Robert Cole did die on the 12th day of March, on thousand eight hundred and sixteen (1816) Leaving his mother Dicey a widow, who did not afterwards marry but remained the widow of said Robert Cole till her death:

That said Dicey Cole did die on the 16th day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty-four (1844) aged Ninety-One years.

And further this declarant states upon said oath, that he is the only child and heir at law of said Robert and Dicey Cole aforesaid.

This declarant further states upon his said oath, that he knows of no one now living that was present and witnessed the solemnization of the marriage Rites, between his father & mother: that his mother maiden name was Bevill: and that the marriage, according to the best information this Declarant can obtain, was Solemnized in the year of one thousand seven Hundred & Seventy-Three. (1773,)

This declarant has caused enquiry to be made fo the proper officer at Chesterfield Court House, Virginia, for a Copy of his father's marriage bond, but has not been favored with any return whatever.

This declarant refers for evidence to his elderly neighbours, that it has been so understood and believed in the neighbourhood where his father resided, that he and said Dicey were Lawfully married; and further, that it is so understood and believed that, his father during the war of the Revolution, as a private Soldier in the Virginia Continenal line did serve the United States, in the War of the Revolution

The declarant in conclusion states that, his mother had in contemplation during the early part of the last year to make a declaration for pension, and as an incipient step thereto wrote to Chesterfield County Va. for both proof of marriage & proof of the Revolutionary Services of her deceased husband, Robert Cole, but received no answer thereto.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court, the day & year first above written.

[signed] James Cole

NOTE:

On 9 Aug 1844 Philip Bevill, 61, stated that Robert and Dicey Cole moved to his neighborhood in Guilford County about 1795. On 14 Oct 1845 Robert Taylor, 60, of Guilford County, stated that his father and uncle, John Taylor and Richard Taylor, had served three years in the Revolutionary War and had often heard them talk with Robert Cole about their services. On the same day Lucy Bevill, 64, also stated that she had heard Dicey Cole say that while Robert Cole served in the Continental army she would put their son, James, "in the shade of the hedgerow" while she plowed, and that she took him when she milked the cows. Philip Bevill stated that he had seen a prayer book in which his father, a brother of Dicey Cole, had recorded the birth of James Cole as having occurred in 1769.

Edmund F. Brown of Washington DC stated that on 5 Jan 1846 he had enquired in Richmond regarding Robert Cole, and at Capt. Daniel Weisiger's Hotel in Manchester he was directed to "John H. Cole who resides up the road near the first toll gate." John H. Cole then told him the following: "my mother's name was Sally Cole, formerly Sally Bevill, and was a Niece of Dicey Cole, formerly Dicey Bevill, and married Robert Cole before the Revolution, that I have heard my Mother talk of her Aunt Dicey and Uncle Robert Cole, a hundred times, and have heard her speak of her Uncle Robert's services in the Revolutionary War, that Robert Cole has been dead some 25 or 30 years, and his Widow Dicey died some years ago, I do not know how long, and they left an only Son, James Cole, whom I knew very well and have many times seen him bringing his crops through here to sell in Richmond, and that he now resides in North Carolina, Guilford County I believe, as I was within 8 miles of his residence several years ago." John H. Cole swore to the above facts, witnessed by his sons Christopher E. Cole and John H. Cole, Jr, adding that he was 53 and that Robert Cole died of dropsy.