

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Coleman [Coalman] W23858

Prudence Coleman f35SC

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State of South Carolina District of Marion: SS

On this 28th day of November in the year of our Lord 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace, Mrs. Prudence Coleman a resident near Lynches Creek in the District of Marion, and State of South Carolina, aged eighty-four years since the 28th day of August last past, who being duly sworn according to law; doth, on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: that she is the widow of Robert Coleman, who was a Sergeant, during a part of the Revolutionary war – afterwards a first Lieutenant, under Captains Simons and Witherspoon – that her husband entered the service of the United States by enlistment, at the commencement of the Revolutionary struggle, and continued in the service until the Close of the war – that her husband was a resident of this State and District when he entered the service – That he was drafted under General Marion's [Francis Marion's] command, and was often sent in quest of the Tories – in several skirmishes with them, particularly one at Bass's Mills on the great Pedee River where he lost a valuable horse, the Whigs were commanded there by Maurice Murphy – that her husband was also in the memorable Battle of Fort Moultrie near Charleston and was a Sergeant in that Battle – That he was one of Marion's Riflemen, often sent into the little Pedee Country after the Tories, that he acted often as a scout in the pursuit of the British and Tories, through the Country of Moncks Corner and the Biggin Church, chasing them into Charleston, – that he served too in the Army of General Marion, under the immediate command of Captain Snipes. – That her husband had a discharge for his faithful services – but that it is lost or mislaid.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Coleman on the 14th day of June in the year 1777 – that her husband the aforesaid Robert Coleman died on the 22nd day of February 1825, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Prudence Coleman, X her mark

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South Carolina Sumter District: Personally appeared Grant Knowlton¹ who being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with Robert Coleman in revolutionary War that he served as


¹ [Grant Knowlton W10185](#)

Sergeant in the regular Army in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Mutre [William Moultrie] and Colonel Motte for the term of 3 years and that he the said Robert Coleman was legally discharged after serving out the time for which he enlisted.

Sworn before made this 24th of January 1820

S/ Wm McIntosh, JQ

S/ Grant Knowlton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant Knowlton".

South Carolina Williamsburgh District: Personally appeared before me John Keels who being duly sworn says that the above testimony of Grant Knowlton is just and true.

Sworn before made this 25th of February 1820

S/ Peter R. Keels, JQ

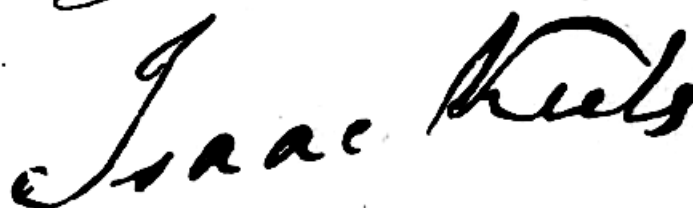
S/ John Keels

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Keels".

South Carolina Williamsburgh District: personally appeared before me Isaac Keels who being duly sworn saith that the above testimonies of John Keels and Grant Knowlton is just and true. Sworn before made this 26 day of February 1820

S/ Peter R. Keels, JQ

S/ Isaac Keels

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Keels".

[p 14: Certificate dated January 6, 1852 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing payments made to a Mister Robert Coleman for services during the revolutionary war, including payments for service in Brandon's Regiment; for duty done at Orangeburg under Colonel Taylor; for duty done at the fork of Edisto under Colonel Hopkins.]

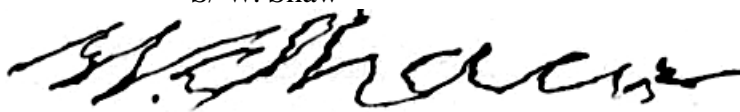
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State of South Carolina Marion District: SS: Be it known that on this 3rd day of February 1852 before me a Magistrate, in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared William Shaw² a revolutionary pensioner of the United States aged 92 years, who made Oath in due form of law, that he has resided in the District of Marion for upwards of 79 years past, and was personally well acquainted with Robert Coleman, husband of Prudence Coleman, that he remembers distinctly Robert Coleman as a private and Sergeant in Brandon's Regiment in Marions Brigade, and knows of his own knowledge that he served with this affiant one tour of six months as

² Perhaps the same as William Shaw S19078; but maybe [William Shaw R9446](#)

Sergeant in said Regiment, when he was attached to it under Captain Moffitt. That he also remembers his having served in the year 1782 under Colonel Taylor and Hopkins, but does not now recollect the exact period of service, although he thinks it must have been fully six months. He further states that he served before and since the fall of Charleston, at two years and upwards – He further states he has known Robert Coleman and Prudence Coleman as man and wife since the year 1780 and that they continued to live together as such until the date of his death.

S/ W. Shaw



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$108 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending September 18, 1841 for her husband service as a Corporal & Sergeant in the South Carolina service.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Robert Coalman ⁴	AA8
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1365	
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[No.] 1546 [Book] Y 77

the time of service to be Specified

Robert Coleman for 80 days of Militia Duty as Sergeant & Private in 1782

Amount £6.8.6 ¾ Stg. [Sterling]

N:B: when the Duty commenced or ended is not expressed

Passed S/ FJ [?]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Robert Coleman	Dr.
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1782 To 40 Days Duty Done at Orangeburg under

Command of Colonels Taylor [Thomas Taylor] as Sert.

at 12/6 [12 Shillings and 6 pence] per day	£25.0.0
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Ditto 240 Days Duty more Done in the

4 of Edistoe [Edisto River] under Command of Colonel

Hopkins [Lieutenant Colonel David Hopkins]

at 10/per Day	<u>20.0.0</u>
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[Old South Carolina currency]	<u>£45.0.0</u>
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[Sterling]	£6.8.6 ¾
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I do hereby Certify the above act [account] is Just and true

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

⁴ I think this is the same man whose widow applied for the pension set forth above but I cannot be 100% positive.

May the 18 Day 1784

S/ Arramanos Liles, Capt.

Arramanos Liles Capt.

South Carolina Camden District} Appeared Robert Coalman & Made Oath that the Above
Account of 45 pounds former Currency Is Just And True & that he has received no part Thereof
Sworn to before me this 6th day of September 1784

S/ Dd. Hopkins, JP⁵

D. Hopkins. JP

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Received 12 January 1794 satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 1546 Book Y for £6.8.6
³/₄

S/ Robert Coalman

Robert Coalman

⁵ This is the same man as Lieutenant Colonel David Hopkins.