

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles P. Coleman W25435

Fanny Coleman

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State of Alabama Greene County

On this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Thomas F Moody, Judge of the County Court of said State and County, now sitting, Charles P Coleman, a resident of the County of Greene and State of Alabama aforesaid, aged 69 years the 4th day of October last, who being 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 the 7th of June 1832. That about the last of June 1780 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain Robert Alexander, & Lieutenant Benjamin Newton, & served under said officers in the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina about one month – when as many of the company as could procure horses marched to Charlotte in North Carolina against the British and Tories, & he being one that could not procure a horse was left.

About the 10th of August following he went to Salisbury in North Carolina & volunteered under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and continued under his command until about the first of October following, he does not distinctly recollect the names of any other field or company officers, except one Captain William Alexander, in whose company this affiant served, he obtained leave from General Davidson to return & joined his old Company in Lincoln County commanded by Robert Alexander, and about that time was dispatched under an orderly Sergeant as well as he recollects by the name of James Robinson with six or eight other men to guard the Tories that were taken prisoners in Lincoln County, to the guard house in Salisbury, on his return from Salisbury met General Davidson's Army near Baty's Ford [sic, Beatties Ford] on the Catawba River, where he substituted for a three months Tower [tour] for one William Ramsey in Captain Jonathan Pott's Company the Lieutenant's name not distinctly recollected (but thinks it was Thomas Shields) which company belonged to Colonel Francis Locke's Battalion or Regiment, General Davidson ordered Captain Potts and his company to Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River about ten miles below about the first of February, after which Cornwallis's Army crossed the River at that Ford General Davidson was killed [February 1, 1781] the company fled and were rendezvoused by Colonel Locke between Salisbury and the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River in February same year 1781 after Cornwallis crossed the Yadkin at the Shallow Ford Colonel Locke pursued him in the rear to Haw River where he fell in with General Greene's [Nathanael Greene] Army and continued with him until after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. Captain Potts and company were then disbanded and returned to Mecklenburg County North Carolina not receiving any discharge. I then returned to the home of William Ramsey for

whom I was a substitute in April 1781 there was a requisition made for one man from each company to serve 12 months in South Carolina under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] the proposition made by Colonel Polk if two men would volunteer out of each company they should go as cavalry and served only ten months in lieu of the one footman for twelve months and were to receive one Negro as bounty by and to be completely equipped as cavalry Robert Shields and myself turned out and supplied the place of the one footman and rendezvoused at Charlotte North Carolina under Captain Robert Houston and Colonel William Polk. Joined General Sumter at Ancrum's old field on the Congaree River (while here was placed under Samuel Martin Captain and Samuel Hemphill Lieutenant and about July General Greene marched his regular troops to said old field sometime in August marched from thence under General Sumter to the four holes from there we marched to the Eutaw Springs under General Greene. After the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] was disbanded and returned home to William Ramsey's Mecklenburg County North Carolina then remained until April 1782 when I went near to Orangeburg South Carolina and was there regularly discharged and returned home to Ramsey's again and where I deposited my discharge there having lived with him to the year 1789 from thence I moved to the State of Georgia from thence I moved to Kentucky in the year 1806 from thence to Mississippi in the year 1812 from there to Alabama in 1818, where I have resided ever since and where I now reside. He also states that he does not recollect what ever became of his discharges. That he was in the Battle of Guilford Court House and at Cowans Ford on the Catawba and also at the battle of Eutaw Springs besides some small skirmishes in the whole he served about 19 months as a soldier of the Revolution he states that he was born on Roanoke in Halifax County North Carolina in the year 1763 and the fourth of October, the place he entered the service, and where he now resides is fully answered in the above declaration (he has no record of his age) but this is his age from the best information he can get and he believes that he is battle from various circumstances. 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 or territory or territory and that he knows of no person living by which he could prove the actual service. That he can prove his reputation for veracity by James Yeates, Isaac C. Snedecor and Solomon McCalkin Esqrs. & Parson James Monnett also their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first written in open court.

Attest: S/ J. C. Snedecor, Clk

S/ C. P. Coleman



[James Monnett,, a clergyman, James Yeates and Solomon McAlpine gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Greene County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Greene aforesaid, Charles P Coleman, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade; For two years, one months & twenty-five days, I served as a private Soldier; & for such service I claim a pension.

S/ C. P. Coleman

[p 12: On June 2, 1855 in Greene County Alabama, Fanny Coleman, 70, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Charles P Coleman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to her husband in Greene County Alabama on March 8th, 1829 by John P Taylor, a Minister of the Gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Fanny Mobley; that her husband died December 27, 1850 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 9: On July 22, 1856 in Greene County Alabama, Mrs. Fanny Coleman, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Charles P Coleman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she has been married to him since January 2, 1800; that the proof of her marriage and the date of the death of her husband is contained in the application she filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]