

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Coleman (Colemon)W26      Avey      fn43NC  
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State of Tennessee Sumner County: Personally appeared before me Josiah Walton an acting Justice of the Peace for the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee party Coleman age seventy-four years 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 June 7th 1832. He states that he was born in the County of Edgecombe in the State of North Carolina, where and in what year were you born was born in North Carolina Edgecombe County, about the year 1758. Have you any record of your age. I have none, my age were in my Father's family Bible and were sold at the sale after his death. Where were you living when called into service. I was living in Edgecombe County North Carolina. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, I lived in Edgecombe County North Carolina until I moved to Sumner County Tennessee about twenty-seven or eight years ago where I have lived ever since. How were you called into service. I volunteered, state the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served, Captain Edward Clinch, Major Joseph Clinch, Colonel Eaton & General Ash [sic, John Ashe], Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, I did, by whom was it given, I do not recollect, what has become of it, it has been lost. He was living in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered under Captain Edward Clinch for the term of six months he marched through South Carolina into the State of Georgia and was at the Battle at Brier Creek under the command of General Ash, they then rendezvoused at the White House in the State of South Carolina where he remained until discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd of August 1832.

Test

S/ Josiah Walton

S/ Hardy Coleman, H his mark

I Henry Pitt<sup>1</sup> do hereby certify that I was and are still acquainted with Hardy Coleman who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and was a soldier in the same company and know

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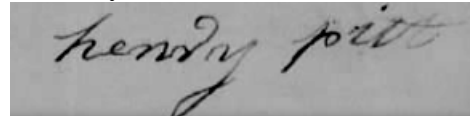
<sup>1</sup> [Henry Pitt S3689](#)

that the said Coleman performed the services stated in his declaration. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

Test

S/ Josiah Walton, JP

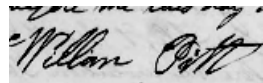
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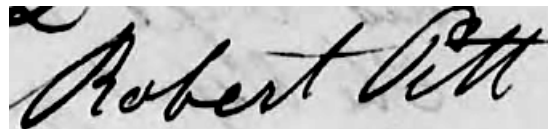
[fn p. 9: On April 25, 1851 in Sumner County Tennessee, Avey Coleman, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 and subsequent acts stating that she is the widow of Hardy Coleman, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him January 1, 1791 or thereabout; that her husband died October 1, 1837; that she was married in Edgecombe County North Carolina by Simon Ruffin, JP; that she remains a widow.]

[fn p. 10: On September 12, 1851, in Sumner County, Tennessee, Elizabeth Minor, 79, a resident of Sumner County gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Hardy Coleman and his widow Avey whose maiden name was Avey Thomas; that they were all raised in Edgecombe County North Carolina close neighbors and playmates; that they lived about 20 miles from Tarboro the County seat of Edgecombe; that she was present at their marriage.]

[fn p. 14: on March 15, 1852 in Sumner County Tennessee, William Pitt, 61 as of the fourth day of October last, testified that the record of his birth is taken by him from his fathers family Bible; that his mother was the sister of Hardy Coleman the husband of Avey Coleman; that his father moved to Sumner County in 1795 or 96 about the time that Nickajack the Indian towns on the Tennessee River was burnt and peace made with the Indians; my uncle Hardy Coleman came to Tennessee the year following.

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[fn p. 16: On March 15, 1852, in Sumner County Tennessee, Robert Pitt, 63, as of the 12th day of April last, gave testimony that he is the brother of William Pitt; he testified that: "I recollect my uncle and father about that time having a dispute about my aunt Avey. I recollect my father telling rather in joking way "your wife is not as fair skin as some ladies" which were lately displeased my uncle party saying his wife Avey was as fair skin as anybody. The dispute got so warm that my uncle written my father saying that if so say against my wife I will shoot you. This however was only amusement to my father and they soon dropped the matter but this is a circumstance that I well recollect and can refer to and fixes the period of the marriage of Hardy and Avey Coleman to be in 1791 as before stated."...

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]