

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Samuel Collins W3778

Martha Collins

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: April Sessions 1834

On the 30th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting Samuel Collins a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina age seventy-nine 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated.

1st That he was drafted in the year 1773 in August under the command of Captain Cook [James Cook] of Lincoln County (then Tryon) that he met his Company at Gilbert town in Rutherford County and there was mustered into service by the said Cook, Colonel William Graham then took command of the Regiment which was assembled at this place which was marched to McFadden's Fort in Rutherford County to defend the settlements against the Indians, he remained under the command of Captain Cook at McFadden's Fort one month & 14 days and was then discharged by Captain Cook but has lost his discharge.

The next tour of service he entered for three months under the command of Captain John Carruth in March 1776 the Company was marched into service on Moomys ten miles from Lincolnton from there the company was marched to Colonel Hamptons in Rutherford against the Indians and Tories and at William Mills they had an engagement at which one person was killed in this War his Company continued as Rangers on Pacolet and Broad Rivers for three months, when they were discharged, but does not recollect that he got a discharge he served in this Tour three months.

The next tour of service he was drafted in Lincoln County [several words obliterated] 1781 was mustered into service at Robert Alexander's in said County at the Tuckaseegee Ford under the command of Captain William Moore was marched by Charlotte crossed the Pedee to Little River where his Company met the Army of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] the Army was marched through the Country after the British & Tories to the North East River at Wilmington. He with a detachment of seventy militia which were placed under the command of Major Hogg [Thomas Hogg] of the Continental line to guard the River were attacked by the British then lying in Wilmington and were driven back to the main Army. He was discharged from service by Captain Moore on the 19th November 1781 which discharge he has in his possession. He knows no clergyman that is acquainted with him. John Harmon¹ served with him in the Expedition to Wilmington his affidavit is annexed.

The two tours under Captain Cook and Carruth he knows of no living witness that could

¹ [John Harmon W2795](#)

prove his Service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension list Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Samuel Collins

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born the 21st day of August 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have my age in a Book at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in this County when I was called into Service and have ever since and do at this time

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was enlisted once and was twice drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Major Hogg of the Continental line Colonel Irwin of the Mecklenburg Militia and General Rutherford. Captain William Moore's affidavit also his discharge and a certificate of Colonel William Graham will accompany this declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. None but the one of Captain William Moore and one by Cook which I cannot find

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer John Harmon and John Dickson Esquire

John Harmon age seventy-one years lived in this County and time of the Revolution before and ever since was in service in the war to Wilmington alluded to by Samuel Collins knew him then and ever since believes he served as he stated but I left the service a short time before Collins I then & ever since lived near neighbor & very well recollect when Collins returned home from this tour of Service. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and date above

S/ *John Harmon*

[John Dickson, JP, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Camp in Hanover County: This is to Certify
That Sam.l Collins has Served his tour of Duty
In Gen. Rutherfords Brigade and is now
Discharged this 19th Novr. 1781 Wm Moore Capt.

Camp in ~~Lincoln~~ County, this is to certify
that Saml Collins has served his tour of Duty
in Gen. Rutherford's Brigade and is now
Discharged this 19th Nov 1781 in Moore's Camp

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County } The bearer hereof Samuel Collins
Sr. having Question to Trevil to [sic, "Senior having requested to travel to"]
The Lower part of this State, these are therefore to
Certify that the said Saml. Collins has taken the
Oath of Allegiance to this State & as always Acted as
A true Subject to the States of America, Which he is
A Near neighbour to me, and a man of hones Repute
And good Carractor [character] among his neighbours, these are therefore
To Request all persons to let him pass & repass
Him behaving himself as becometh, Given under
My hand this 4th day of October 1779

S/ W. Graham Colo. Commandent

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Personally appeared before me Isaac Holland one of the

Justices of the peace in & for said County William Moore of said County and after being duly sworn according to law depose & saith that he said William Moore acted as Captain in some part of the Revolutionary War of our Independence that Samuel Collins now of said County did Served a tower [tour] under him as a private to Wilmington [sic, Wilmington] in this State that they started on the 15th of September 1780 from Robert Alexander's in said Lincoln County, Crossed the Catawba River at the Tuckaseegee Ford & went through Charlet [Charlotte] in Mecklenburg County & crossed Pedee & joined headquarters on Little River & Joined the Mecklenburg Regiment under the Command of Colonel Erwin & General Rutherford was our Commanding officer & others, that he more & his men got their Discharge and got home the 22nd or 23rd day of December following. Sworn to and subscribed this 26th day of April 1834 before

me S/ I. Holland

S/ William Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Moore". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "William" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Moore". There is a small circular mark or flourish at the end of the signature.

[p 9: On August 17, 1845 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Martha Collins, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Collins a pensioner at the rate of \$26.16 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in the year 1781 and her husband died January 11, 1836.]

[p 13: family register]

Age of Samuel Collins Children

Jonathan Collins born March the 29th A.D. 1782

Nathan Collins born May the 13th, 1784

Sarah Collins born May the 9th A.D. 1786

Joseph Collins born October the 9th A.D. 1788

Samuel Collins Born [paper torn, the balance of record is missing]

[Other facts in the file: in 1855, one Jonathan Collins and his sister, Elizabeth Alton, were residents of White Plains, Cleveland County, North Carolina and were named as heirs of the soldier, Samuel Collins, but the exact relationship not stated. The name of the widow prior to her marriage is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for seven months and three days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]