

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Coulter (Coulter) W3953
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Isabela Coulter PA VA

District of Pennsylvania Ss.

On this eleventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, personally appeared, in open Court of Common pleas, held in Williamsport for the County of Lycoming, being a Court of record proceeding according to the court of Common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of proceedings, Nathaniel Coulter, aged Sixty one years, resident in Lycoming County in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the eighteenth of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he served in the revolutionary War, in the Company Commanded by Captain John Steel in the regiment Commanded by Col. Henricks [sic: James Hendricks], in the line of the state of Virginia, as has been more fully stated in a declaration made before Judge Walker on or about the sixth day of August in the year 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any Income nor property of any description except the clothing on my back

Nathaniel Coulter

The following debt is due to me and recoverable,

One debt of fourteen dollars

I am indebted in the following sums

One debt of five dollars

One debt of five dollars

One debt of six dollars

One debt of Two dollars

One debt of Fifty Cents

I am by occupation a labourer but by age and infirmities am not able to persue that occupation.

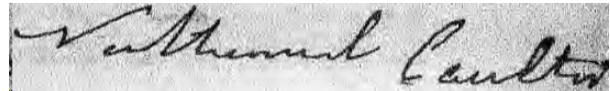
I have no family residing with me.

Nathaniel Coulter

Dauphin County, State of Pennsylvania Ss.

On this twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two – before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, personally appears Nathaniel Coulter aged sixty two years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress (passed 18th March 1818) entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" (and also of the Act of Congress of the first of May 1820) That he the said Nathaniel Coulter enlisted in June 1777 at Carlisle in Pennsylvania, in the Company commanded by Captain John Steele in which he marched to Philadelphia, where by order of General Washington, Captain Steele's Company with those of Captains Kearsley and Irwin, was attached to Col. Henricks (Virginia) Regiment at Middlebrook – being the sixth Regiment of the Virginia line, and continued to do duty therein until after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777]; when by an order of the board of War, or act of Congress, all the independent Companies in the service, were regiments, the Company of Captain Steel with others were ordered to form a part of &

be attached to Col. Wm. Malcolm's [William Malcolm's] Regiment of New York in which regiment he continued until the winter of 1779 when by an arrangement of the board of War, these newly formed regiments were broken up, each State claiming the troops enlisted within their respective limits. That he and others as Pennsylvanians were ordered under command of Captain Samuel Kearsley, and to proceed to becoming[?] to join & form a part of the army under General [John] Sullivan by being attached to the eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Col Adam Hubley, then[?] on their march to against the indians in the Genessee [sic: Genesee] country. That after that campaign & the return of the army, the winter following he lay at Morristown, & a revolt took place, and those who had enlisted for three years or during the war, as he had done, were discharged at Trenton. He was in the battles of Germantown, Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Short Hills [26 Jun 1777], & Hog back hill & Newtown [29 Aug 1779] with the indians. That he enlisted in March 1780 at Philadelphia under Major Mcpherson [William McPherson] as a waiter & served during the war – that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support; and that he has no other evidence than the accompanying evidence now in his power of his said services. That on the sixth day of August 1818 he made application to the War Department for a pension under the Act of Congress of 1818 – which was drawn up by George Burd of Bedford Pa. and forwarded to the War Department but returned on account of some informality which he has good reason to believe has since been destroyed, as the accompanying documents more fully shew.



Dauphin County, State of Pennsylvania Ss.

Before me Jacob Bucher one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County personally came Captain Samuel Kearsley who being by me first duly sworn according to law, says that he has read and examined the foregoing deposition of Nathaniel Coulter, and finds it to the best of his knowledge & belief correct and true. That he knew him (a short time) after his enlistment, and during his whole service till after being regimented in the eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment a part of which time he was a soldier in his Company – and that he always faithfully did his duty as a brave soldier.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 27th day of December 1822 [signed] Sam'l Kearsley

District of Pennsylvania Dauphin County Ss.

On this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, personally appeared in open Court at Harrisburg, being the Court of Common pleas, of Dauphin County a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of Common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of proceedings. Nathaniel Coulter aged sixty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare & say, and make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and first of May 1820. that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Captain John Steele (into which he enlisted in the month of June 1777 at Carlisle in Pennsylvania) until he was attached by order of General Washington to Col. Henricks Virginia regiment – and that he faithfully served as is more particularly mentioned in a declaration made before Jacob Bucher Esqr at Harrisburg on the 27th day of December 1822. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any property or income of any description except the cloathing on my back. I stand indebted to

different individuals in the following sums Viz. one debt of five dollars

one d[itt]o. of five dollars

one do. of six dollars

one do. of two dollars

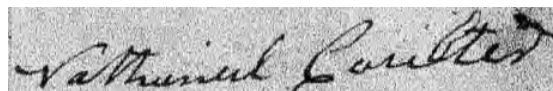
one do of fifty dollars.

I am by occupation a labourer but by age & infirmity am not able any longer to gain a livelihood or pursue the same. I have no family residing with me – my wife is dead – and my five children are all separated & doing for themselves – Mary the eldest is intermarried with one Francis Lee a house carpenter – aged 37 years Has seven children living – Hughey the second child, is 33 years old intermarried, & has five children, a farmer – James the third, aged 31 is married has two children & by trade a weaver – Nathaniel the fourth is 29 years old is married & has two children – by trade a weaver – the fifth is Betsy, aged 19 years unmarried, who hires as maid, receiving for her services a week 50 cents. I receive no aid or support from my said children, they all being poor & scarcely able to support themselves and families.



Dauphin County Ss.

On this twenty fifth day of February Anno Domini 1823 personally came Nathaniel Coulter into the Court of Common Plea of the said County, (being a Court of Record) and after having been duly sworn according to law, says that he has no fixed or positive residence or home any where in this world. That one place is as to him as much a residence as another. That he goes about from pillar to post, sometimes to gain work when able, and at other times to see some of his relations. That he has been in Dauphin County about two months and that he does not recollect since the death of his wife about 11 years ago that he staid in any County a longer period of time. He has broken up housekeeping. He is now living with a Mrs. John Sloan of Hanover township to whom he is related and does not intend to go away until next summer time when like a stray dog he will seek out other quarters –



NOTES:

On 4 Sep 1835 Nathaniel Coulter applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved from White Deer Township in Northumberland County PA to Portage County "to spend his few remaining years with his Children & friends." He again signed his name "Nathaniel Caulter."

A letter dated 29 June 1837 states that "Nethanel Colter" was then living in Canal Dover, Tuscarawas County OH and had never received bounty land for his service in the War of 1812. His discharge is in the file, transcribed as follows:

To all whom it may concern.

Know ye, That Nathaniel Coulter a Private of Captain LeRoy Opie's Company, in the fifth Regiment of Infantry being incapable of the duties of a soldier, by reason of old age and infirmity is hereby honorably Discharged from the service of the United States.

The said Nathaniel Coulter is fifty three years old; five feet eight inches high; fair complexion; fair hair; blue eyes; born in Lancaster County in the state of Pennsylvania and by profession, when enlisted, a farmer

Given under my hand, at the Inspector General's Office, in Buffalo this twenty first day of June 1815.

BY COMMAND, J Snelling/ Inspector General

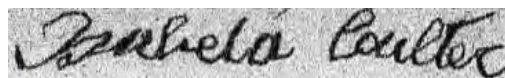
Registered in the Inspector General's Book, the 21st day of June 1815.

ATTEST, D. Bucham/ Clerk

Coulter enlisted 10th April 1813 for five years

[illegible word] D. Parker/ ADJ[?] Gen'l

On 7 June 1839 Isabela Coulter, 84, of Portage County OH, applied for a pension stating that she was married on 5 June 1783 in Burt Township, Lancaster County PA by Rev. John Guthbert to Nathaniel Coulter, who died 27 Jan 1839. There was no discussion of the statement by John Coulter that his wife had died about 1811. She signed as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isabela Coulter". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

The file includes the following certificate:

These Testify y't ye [that the] Bearer, Isobel Coulter, Daughter to Hugh & Mary Coulter, lately & regularly married to Nathaniel Coulter hath behaved herself soberly & Christianly – free of all public Scandal – hath been at ye Communion[?] Table; may be admitted to Church privileges among ye Lords people, where divine Providence may order her Lot. Is Certified by Jno Cuthbertson
Middle Octorara. April 4th 1785

On 15 July 1839 John Coulter (as he signed) of Middle Octorara in Lancaster County certified that he and his father's family were members of the denomination called Covenanters, of which Rev. John Cuthbertson was a minister who officiated the marriage of Nathaniel and Isabella Coulter at the home of Hugh Coulter in the presence of 50 witnesses. He stated that Nathaniel and Isabella Coulter moved to Northumberland County PA a few years afterward.

Isabela Coulter's first application was rejected because she was not a widow at the time of the enactment of the law under which she applied. On 18 Aug 1843 she applied under a later act, stating that she was age 86 on the previous May 2 and living in Plymouth Township in Richland County OH.