

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Ransom Colquitt W6742 Susanna Colquitt VA
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State of North Carolina } November 4nd day AD 1819
Rockingham County }

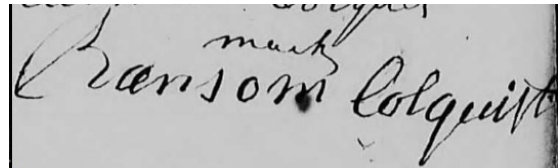
Ransom Colquet makes oath that he is one of the soldiers who served in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary war That he was regularly enlisted into the Company of Captain John Watts in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons (Virginia Line) Commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland [sic: Theodorick Bland] That he served in said regiment for the term of Thee years and was in many engagements with the enemy of his county (to wit) The Battles at Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], Monmoth Courthouse [sic: Monmouth Courthouse, 28 Jun 1778], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777]; and the white marsh [Whitemarsh, 5 Dec 1777] during which time he was several times wounded in fighting the battles of his country and at the expiration of the said Term of Three years was honorably Discharged by said Captain Watts at Winchester in Virginia some time in the year 1778 as well as this deponent can recollect as he has lost his discharge.

that he again there immediately enlisted for a second time under the said Captain into the said Company and regiment and did continue to serve faithfully in said Regiment untill the Termination and end of said War when he was regularly and honorably discharged that he has also lost his last discharge

That he is now old and infirm, that much of such infirmity arises from wounds and other injuries by him received in the aforesaid regiment in the aforesaid services and battles – that he is Poor and Needy, in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his comfortable subsistance aged 67 years

Ransom his mark Colquet

Sworn to before me this 4th Nov. 1819.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ransom Colquitt". Above the name, the words "my mark" are written in a smaller, less legible cursive hand.

This may Certify that Ransom Colquet served as a Soldier in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons
John Watts Capt/ in the late 1st Reg't L Dragoons/ September 5th 1789

I certify that I served in the first Regt of Cavalry with Cap Wats J. Nelson

Henry County to wit

This day [3 Oct 1818] came Thomas George Gibson [S39573] before me one of the commonwealth's justices of the peace and made oath that he was a revolutionary soldier and that Ransom Coquitt was in the service at the same time and served Three years in Capt. John Watts company of Light dragoons attatch to the 1st Redgment commanded by Colo. Theodorick Bland and while the said Ransom Colquitt was in the service of the United States he had the small pox at or near a place call'd Whitping[?] in the jerses [sic: New Jersey] and that the s'd. Colquitt lost the sight of one of his Eyes occasioned by the small pox and that he the s'd Thomas G Gibson waited upon the s'd. Ransom Colquett and had to lead him about for the the s'd Ransom Colquitt could not see at that time This deponant farther sayse that Ransom Colquitt received a wound on the left arm which broke it all while in service he farther sayse that he the s'd. Colquitt was in the Battle at Germantown Munmoth Ct house Brandywine & the white mash – and was discharged at Winchester in the year 1778 by his Capt. John Watts and farther this deponant sayeth not

[signed] Thos geo gibson

State of North Carolina } Superior Court of Law
Rockingham County } Term of the fifth monday after the fourth Monday of September AD 1820

Ransom Colquet makes oath that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war that he served six or seven yrs in the Continental line in the service of the United States that he was at and in the Battles of Brandywine Germantown Monmoth and white march that he together with the corps to which he belonged arrived just at the time Burgoin surrendered his army at Sarratoga [sic: Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] – that he cannot at present remember the time of his enlistment or date of his service as he is 67 or 68 years old and his memory is bad and his vouchers have all been attached to his former declaration made about 12 months since under which he has obtained a certificate placing him on the pension roll under which he has obtained one pension at the United States Bank at Fayetteville about the 20 day of October last He further states that he has been a citizen of the United States ever since the Revolutionary war up to the present period and that he now lives in the County of Rockingham State of North Carolina. He further swears that that he has not at any time conveyed away his property or securities for money or other property for the purpose of bringing himself under the provisions of an act of Congress Passed on the 18 March 1818 Entitled an act for the relief of Persons engaged in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war or of any other act of Congress passed either previous or subsequent to that date for the purpose of Placing himself on the pension roll of the United States – that he has no property of any kind (nor has any person for him property in trust or otherwise) nor any claim or claims for any excepting a claim which he now has pending by suit in Equity for the county of Rockingham & which he hope will be decided in a few years but which may not be decided for many years to come. He further states he has no occupation being an invalid from the many wounds he rec'd in the service of his country he is now crippled in one ancle and arm and with all afflicted with the Rhematism. He is dependant on others for his support as he is unable to work He lives in a house his son has procured by rent for [illegible word] that he has no household or any other property excepting some very Indifferent & sorry household stuff which his son has lent him and wife an old & crippled woman about 65 years of age to enable them to keep house that he has no other person in family excepting a single daughter 17 or 18 years old. that he has no income or other means of support excepting what he receive from Charity. He further states he lost the sight of one eye when he was in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war by the small pox and that he has now no other means of proof of this his statement as to his service but what was affixed to his former Declaration made out at this court 12 months since & under which he has ben placed on the U.S. pension roll, and obtained a certificate of the same under which he has rec'd one pension – Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 1st day of November 1820

[The following are among the [Revolutionary bounty warrants in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

[The file includes a letter dated 17 Nov 1821 that reads in part as follows:]

I was at the trouble to make the old man slip off his stocking that I might be satisfied of his wounds his instep appears to have been shattered by a ball: his head carries a long scar of a Sabre wound one of his arms appears to have been wounded and disabled – and one eye out

[A part of another letter, undated, reads as follows:]

The old man says he lost Two Brothers who had enlisted for the term of the war one in the 2 & the other in the [illegible] regiment the first died in north & the 2nd [several illegible words] Augusta. But has no evidence of that but heard of those facts He says he knows he [illegible word] those Brothers that it was said by his relatives that they enlisted for the war as stated & died in the service & without issue leaving himself & a sister their heirs would such testimony be of any avail

Virginia: Halifax County (to wit)

I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof Mr. Ransome Colquit enlisted in or about the months of May or June in the year 1776 as a private under Cornet John Watts of the first Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colo. Theodorick Bland, raised for the defence of the state, and that after rendezvousing & marching to Williamsburg, and York in the said State the said Regiment by consent of those composing it, and the said state, was transferred to the service of the United States on Continental establishment, in which service it continued untill the last of the year 1778, in the month of December of which year it was disbanded and the men discharged at Winchester in the state aforesaid. That [several illegible words] in said Regiment and served a short time as a private, and afterwards to the end of the term aforesaid, as quarter master & paymaster thereto was well acquainted with said Ransome Colquit, and well knows that he faithfully discharged all the duties of a private trooper in said Regiment, and after receiving his full pay as such from him (the subscriber) then paymaster as aforesaid was duly discharged with others the said Regiment having fully served the term for which it was enlisted to wit about [illegible] or seven months in the state, & two years in Continental service in the Army under the Command of Gen'l. Washington, or nearly that, having joined that army, as well as recollected in January or February 1777. Given under my hand this 10th March 1821.

Berryman Green, late Paymaster
to the 1st Reg't Light Dragoons U.S.

State of North Carolina } Ransom Colquet makes oath that he enlisted some time early in the year
Rockingham County towit } 1776 as a private soldier under John Watts Cornett in the first Virginia
Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Theoderic Bland Colonel
raised for the defence of the State: that he was subsequently transfered to the first Virginia Regiment on
Continental Establishment in the service of the United States under the promise to receive three hundred
acres of land if honorably discharged that he was continued to serve faithfully in the said Regiment untill
the last of the year 1778 when he was discharged as a private and commissioned as a captain in the said
Regiment – that before that time he had lost the sight of one of his eyes from the small Pox which he had
whilst a private. that During the time he served as a captain in the said regiment it was commanded by
Colonell [Benjamin] Temple & Major [Richard] Call & for a long time by General Polasky [sic: Kazimierz
Pulaski] that he was shot in the ancle at the battle of Brandywine and was made purchasing commissary
and that he was continued in the department of the Commissariat untill the close of the war that he
continued to serve faithfully from the commencement of his service to the close of the war to the best of
his ability that he never received any bounty for such services as he was promised That his discharge has
been long since lost or distroyed and also his commission as captain that he also rec'd a sword wound at
the battle of Monmoth across the head of which he now bears the scar – That he now has not other way
now in his power of establishing his service than his own oath and the annexed certificates
[17 Nov 1821]



I William Roane do swear that I have examined Ransom Colquets ancle head and eye and do believe that
the injury by him described to have been done to them must have been or was done as by him described:
or some other great force must have produced the scars now visable and that the injury which he appears
to have sustained in his ancle lames him in his walk Wm Roane

Virginia: Halifax County to wit

At the request of Ransome Colquit an old Soldier of the Revolutionary War I Berryman Green of
the County aforesaid do certify – that it is within my knowledge, that the said Ransome Colquit enlisted

as a private with Cornet John Watts of the first Regiment of light Horse raised on State establishment, for the defence of American liberty, about the month of May or June in the year 1776, and in the same year marched with the said Watts and the company or troop to which he belonged, being Capt. Lewellen Jones's, and joined the Regiment commanded by Colo. Theodorick Bland of Williamsburg; that in the winter of 1776-77 the Regiment having been transferred from the State and by its consent, to Continental Service, & taken on Continental establishment, marched and joined the Army under the command of General Washington then in Jersey a short time after the battle at Trenton [26 Dec 1776]: that from the time of joining as aforesaid the said Ransome Colquit was in continual service as a private trooper in the same Regiment and with the Army aforesaid, untill the winter of the year 1778-79 when the term of service for which the Regiment was raised having expired, it was marched from Pennsylvania to Winchester in the State of Virginia and discharged. I further certify that as far as I know, or believe, the said Ransome Colquit during the whole period aforesaid performed the duties of his station with fidelity to his country, and as a good soldier. The facts here stated are known to me from the circumstance of having myself served in the same Regiment & with the same Army during the whole of the time stated. Given under my hand this 5th day of march 1823.

Berryman Green, Paymaster, 1st Reg't
Light Horse on Continental Establishment.

NOTE:

On 29 Sep 1840 Susannah Colquitt, 78, of Greenbrier County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Ransom Colquitt on 25 Nov 1785, and he died 23 Sep 1825. She stated that Ransom Colquitt was living in Cumberland County VA at the time of his service. The file includes a copy of the marriage record from Halifax County VA: "One thousand seven hundred and Eighty five November 25th Ransom Colquitt to Susannah Baker by Hawkins Landrum." Susannah Colquitt was said to be still 78 years old on 24 June 1843.

On 27 Nov 1854 James Colquitt of Rockingham County stated that Ransom Colquitt died on 25 Aug 1825, and his widow died on 15 Oct 1845, leaving him the only surviving child. He stated that his mother had never received a pension. The file, however, contains her pension certificate dated 26 Oct 1840 and another dated 27 Sep 1843.

A document in the file referred to John Baker, brother of Susannah Colquitt.