

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Coleman W8620                      Catharine Coleman                      VA  
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State of Kentucky    }                      On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1833 Personally appeared before me  
Mercer County viz }                      a Justice of the peace in and for s'd county and state Robert Coleman a  
revolutionary soldier whose age and infirmities prevent his attendance in court he being 85 years of age  
and so infirm that he cannot ride without great inconvenience & pain and being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. viz I Robert Coleman do hereby state on oath that I am now eighty five  
years of age and was born in Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] county & state of Virginia and lived in s'd  
county when the revolutionary war commenced and I was called into the service of my country as follow  
viz. In the month of April 1776 (as well as I now recollect I was drafted in Capt Charles Washingtons  
company of Col [Sampson] Mathews Regiment for two months and we marched to Williamsburgh [sic:  
Williamsburg] and Richmond where we were stationed a part of the time at each place as a guard & I  
faithfully served out my time and was honorably discharged

Again in the fall of the year 1777 I was again drafted in Capt Frank Colemans [Francis Coleman's]  
company of Col Mathews Regiment & was again marched to Richmond & Williamsburgh where I was  
again stationed as a guard two months & was honorably discharged

Again in the summer 1778 I was drafted in Capt William Mills company of Col Mathews Regiment for  
the term of three months and was marched to & stationed at the same points and marched and  
countermarched in the vicinity of Richmond and Williamsburgh aforesaid – until my time expired and I  
was honorably discharged

Again in the fall 1779 I was Drafted in Capt Thos Winslows [Thomas Winslow's] company in Col  
Mathews Regiment and was employed as a guard at the same points for the term of two months and was  
honorably discharged

and In the summer 1780 I was Drafted two months in Capt Henry Trues[?] company but in what  
Regiment I cannot recollect as I was employd during my time in driving a waggon or escorting  
provisions to the army in the vicinity of Raccoon ford [Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River].

and In the summer of 1781 I was drafted two months more in Capt William Mills company the Regiment  
not known as I was constantly engaged in driving or escorting provision waggons to the army in the  
counties of Spottsylvania & Louisa In the State of Virginia as they were marching or retreating from the  
advances of Lord Cornwallis army.

I farther state that after the revolutionary war ended I lived in the state of Virginia until about the year  
1800 when I removed to the county of Mercer and state of Kentucky where I have lived ever since and  
where I still resided, that owing to the frailty of my memory I cannot now state the names of all my  
officers but I solemnly declare that I served the time I have states amounting in whole to Twelve months  
and upwards. I further certify that I have no documentary evidence of my age or services, that I held no  
commission and entered the army as I have stated and I hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any  
other pension or annuity except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the united states or of any  
state

Witness my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833

Robert hisXmark Coleman

NOTE:

On 3 March 1834 James H. Coleman and Basil W. Coleman certified that Robert Coleman died on  
9 Jan 1834.

On 19 Dec 1836 Catharine Coleman, 83, applied for a pension stating that in Feb 1774 she was

married at her father's home in Botetourt County VA by Parson Smith to Robert Coleman. Robert Alexander certified the statement. On 10 Feb 1837 Israel Robinson, 65, stated that his aunt, Catharine Coleman, was married in his father's house. On 2 Sep 1837 she added that her maiden name was Catharine Robertson (Robinson?), that Parson Smith was an Englishman, and that her oldest son, James Coleman, was then "upwards of sixty two years old." Sarah Alexander certified Catharine Coleman's statement. On 24 March 1853 Sarah Alexander assigned power of attorney to obtain any available benefits for the service of her father, Robert E. Coleman.