

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Coleman W9738 Sithey Bowles VA
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The State of South Carolina }
Union District } ss

On this the 17th day of August 1846 Personally appeared before Court of Ordinary of the District of Union in the state aforesaid Nathan Coleman a resident of the said District aged about sixty years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed march 3^d 1837.

This deponent states that he is the son of Joseph Coleman a soldier of the Revolution That he is informed & believes that at the beginning of the Revolutionary War his father the said Joseph Coleman was living in Cumberland County in the state of Virginia. That he has often heard his father say that sometime after the war began he enlisted in the Virginia Line to serve to the end of the war, & that he did serve to the end of the war. He has heard his father say that at the conclusion of the war he received his discharge, & that new shoes were distributed to the soldiers. That he does not know anything in regard to the services his said father performed – the countrys through which he marched – the battles (if any) he fought, or the names of the officers he served under, but this he does know, that the services of his said Father as stated has been admitted heretofore by the war department of the United States & that a Bounty of Land was granted to his said Father, which land so granted was Located or attempted to be Located in Logan County in the State of Kentucky, but by some mistake it was located upon One Hundred acres of land which had been located by another & an older warrant & that much of the Bounty Land was finally lost – That this declarent & the other heirs at Law sold their Interest in the said Land about the year 1819 or one two or three years after. This deponent therefore refers to the Evidence on file in the proper department at Washington & to the Revolutionary Records of the Virginia Line for proof his said Fathers services, as he has no other proof documentary or otherwise, in his possession, upon that subject

This deponent further states, that it appears from an old family Record which is herewith shewn & which he submits to the department as Evidence that his Father the said Joseph Coleman was married to Sithey Glen on the 24th day of January 1782. This old Record has to the knowledge of this deponent been kept in his fathers family for many years – as far back as his memory will serve him, & since the death of his said mother it was kept in possession by Sarah Coleman daughter of the said Joseph – now the wife of Benjamin Ellis from whom it was obtained for the purposes here stated. That it has during the memory of this deponent been refered to by all his fathers family as Evidence of what it purports to be & he has no doubt of its authenticity & genuineness. This deponent further states that his said Father & mother removed from Cumberland County in Virginia in the year 1786 as he has always understood & that he has often been informed by his parents that while they were removing to this country deponent was born upon the Road & by refering to the old Record above refered to it will be seen that they were removing in December 1786 as the day of his birth is recorded of that date

This deponent further states that it appears from the Records of the Court of Ordinary of the said District of Union & that he knows the same of his own knowledge that his father the said Joseph Coleman died in the said District of Union in the year 1806. That his widow the mother of the deponent afterwards, to wit about the year 1820 again intermarried with one John Bowles, with whom she lived until the month of February 1836, at which time the said John Bowles died, as this deponent knows of his own knowledge. From which said date to wit, the month of February 1836 until the 16th July 1844 his said mother the widow & relict of his father the said Joseph Coleman, lived a widow, on which last named date she died also –

This deponent refers again to the old family record by which it will appear that his said Father had Twelve Children by his marriage with his mother the said Sithey Coleman, the said Record will shew the age of each. That all these were alive at the death of his said Father but before his mothers death Daniel Sithey & Polley died – & also Lucy – & since his mothers death Patience has died – Lucy left two children both males by her marriage with William Hollingsworth – they live on in the state of Louisiana & one in the State of Arkansas. Their names are Joseph Coleman Hollingsworth & Barnet Glenn Hollingsworth Daniel, Sithey, & Polley died without issue Patience left alive six children, who live in Union & Chester Districts in this state, except one a daughter now the wife of George Cooper. She with her husband resides in the state of Mississippi The five remaining in this state are Barnet Triplett, William Triplett, Mary Triplett, Nancy Triplett Moses Triplett.

Elizabeth intermarried with John Crossby & when last heard from lived in the state of Mississippi. Mason intermarried with Moses Crossby & when last heard from lived in the State of Alabama

Sarah Intermarried with Benjamin Ellis & now resides in Union District S.C

Anna Intermarried with Thomas Sartor & now resides in Union District S.C Susannah intermarried with John Anderson & when last heard from lived in the state of Georgia

Permealey Intermarried with Nathan Glenn, & resides in Union District S.C

This deponent further states that his father lived in the said District of Union from 1786 down to his death in 1806 – where his said mother died also as stated in July 1844. That the reason this deponent or any of the family did not apply for a pension sooner, was that they were told that the marriage of their mother with John Bowles, defeated the claim & they rested under this mistake until informed to the contrary about two months ago –

This deponent further states that he has always understood that his father served in the Virginia Line, as a Sergeant

& Further this deponent saith not.

[signed] Nathan Coleman

NOTES:

The [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#) include a discharge that is mostly illegible in the online image, but the federal pension file contains the following transcription:

“Joseph Coleman Serg’t. in the 6th Virg’a. Reg’t. having faithfully served three years the term of his Inlistment is hereby discharg’d and commissaries are requested to furnish the Barer Joseph Coleman with provision til the 3^d Feby 1780.

Given at Little York [Yorktown] the 12th January ‘80. John Webb/ Lt. Colo. 5 V. Reg’t.”

The family record is transcribed below. # indicates a new sheet, and / indicates a new page. [*] indicates damage to the paper.

Joseph Coleman Was mared To Sithey Glen The 24 day Of January 1782

Lucy Coleman Was born The 27 day of January 1783

Patience Coleman Was born the 9th Day of March 1784

Elezebeth Coleman was born The Twelfe day of march 1785

Nathan Coleman was born’d the 21st day of December 1786

Mason Coleman was born’d the 3 day of March 1788

Sarah Coleman was borne the 14 day of January 1790/

Mary Coleman was Borne 14 day of January 1792

Daniel Coleman Was Borne 5 day of Apre[*] 1793

Anna Coleman was born 5th day of May 1795

Sithey Coleman was born The 25 Day of may 1797

Susanner Coleman was born the 22 November 1800

Permealey Coleman was Born the 22 day of novemb[*] 1802#

Joseph Coleman
 Sithey Coleman/
 [The following appear to have been slaves.]
 Dick Was born In december 1776
 Gracee was born in the Last of august 1778
 Jeffre was bor in the year 1778
 Luccinder was born the 21[?] day of July 1783[?]
 Moses was borne 29 day of november 1786
 Nancy was borne 4 day February 1793
 Feby was born 27 day of November 1800
 Sam was bornd 1796
 Peter was born 6th day of December 1800
 Harrey was born the 25 day of Aprel 1801#
 Ben was [*]n Aprell 1803
 Nell was born January 1803
 Levy was born march 1804
 Also was bornd in June 1806
 Anderson was bornd in february 1811
 Isac was born Descember, 20 1812
 Tommas was born November 1811
 Leday was boarn the 26 Day novemer 1814
 Josef Slave was boarn the 25 Day november 1816
 Millam was boarn the 1 Movember 1818
 Peter was borne in July 2, 1822
 Rejiney was borne in Aprel 5, 1822/
 Cato was borne 10 June 1824
 Sam was born 30 July 1826
 James was bone February 27 1832
 Elizer bone March 1832
 Jesse was born the 2 1837
 Green was born 17 1838
 Manda was born 8 Jun 1840
 Frances was born 22 of January 1841
 Jesse was born the 5 of Jun 1839#
 Peter Was Born the First day of July 1822
 Reginer was born Aprel 6[?] 1822
 Spilsbey was born in 1728
 Elenora born in 1728
 Mary was born Oct'r 1st 1830 ["1839" written above]
 Jacob was Born on October 29 1833
 Algelena was bon December 14th 1835
 Jesse was bon 2 June 1839/
 Joseph Coleman
 To Patience Coleman for }
 Cert't paid Jno Lee DS } 2.4.[?]
 To Spelsbe [*]lenn for D'o }
 paid } 12.1[*]
 James Glenn Sen'r D'[?] }

To Spelsbe G[*]nn for D'o	} 1.11.3
To Spelsby [*]nn	
Nathan Cole[*]n D'[]	}
To Spelsbe Glenn	} 1.15.[*]
Jas. Glen [*] for the year 1785	
By Nathan Glen	} 1.11.3
Rec'd of Jo Cole[*]an	}
Nathan Glenn Cr By	}
Cert'l Rec'd of Jos. Coleman	} 3. 0[*]
27 th June 86 Jno Lee D.S	
27 th June 1786 Nathan Glenn To	}
Jo Coleman in Cert'l.	} 2.[*]
Jno Lee DS	