

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christopher Coy W9798 Elizabeth Coy f70MD
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Kentucky Madison County Sct.

On this the sixth day of November 1821 personally appeared in open court for said County being a Court of record in the State of Kentucky Christopher Coy sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law did on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That the said Coy is now an inhabitant of Madison County Kentucky and enlisted for the Term of three years in the spring of the year and he thinks in the month of April 1779 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Capt. Henry Gater [sic Henry Gaither] and attached to the Seventh Regiment commanded by Gen. (or perhaps at his enlistment) Col. Smallwood [William Smallwood] in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment until sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis which surrender took place about the 19th of October 1781 – That he was Honorable [sic] discharged when most of the Continental Army were discharged. That he was at the Siege of York, and that he has no written evidence now in his possession or power of his said services except the affidavit of James Dowden¹ and hereto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed to wit one cow, and yearling, 304 head of hogs, 2 sheep, one plow she year, household and kitchen furniture.

He states that he lives with his wife in Madison County Kentucky that his wife is also old and infirm, that he is by occupation a farmer, that he sometimes makes course shoes, that he is so diseased with pains in his back and side, that he cannot support himself by his labor. That he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the aid of his Country and that his wife is scarcely able to procure her own support, that his children have left him and

¹ [James Dowden S30996](#)

are not any service to him towards enabling him to procure a support.

S/ Christopher Coy

[The court valued the property scheduled by the veteran at \$35.]

This day appeared personally in said Court the undersigned James Dowden age 64 years and made oath that he was a regular Soldier in the Army of the United States in the years 1781 and 1782 and that in the latter part of the year 1781 he was stationed at Annapolis in the State of Maryland under the command of Col. or General Smallwood and attached to the 7th Regiment and that Christopher the present applicant for a pension was in the Army of the United States as a regular Soldier in said 7th Regiment and continued in the service until the discharging of the United States Army and was then honorably discharged as he believes.

S/ James Dowden

[the above documents were certified as being true copies from the records of the County Court by the clerk of Madison County Kentucky]

[p 28: On March 11, 1828 in Harrison County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he had moved from Kentucky to accompany his children who are generally settled in the neighborhood where he now resides.]

[p 10: On November 15, 1839 in Parke County Indiana, Elizabeth Corey, 85, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Christopher Coy, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him April 15, 1773²; and that her husband died October 12, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On July 8, 1843 in Lawrence County Illinois, Anna Smith gave testimony that she is the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Coy; that she, affiant is 65 or 66 years of age; that she, the affiant, often heard her father speak of his service in the Revolution; that her father died October 12, 1839.

[Facts in file: The veteran died in Lawrence County Illinois; reference is made in the file to the children of the veteran testing 123 children of the veteran but the only ones named children of the veteran but the only ones named are son John Coy, 47 and living in 1840 who stated that he had 3 brothers and 3 sisters living; Samuel aged 60 and 1840; and Anna or Amy Smith age 65 or 66 in 1843 who then lived in Lawrence County Illinois.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 6, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² Various documents in this file indicate that the marriage may have occurred on April 12 or 15 1773, or 1775 or 1776. The maiden name of the widow is not stated.