

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Collins W9813 Margaret Collins VA
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Circuit of Fleming

Fleming County Kentucky Sct.

This day [4 June 1818] came John Collins, personally before the Court afs'd in open Court, and made oath that on the [blank] day [blank] He was enlisted as a private soldier by Capt John Swan in the 5th Troop of Col George Baylors Corps of Cavalry, for & during the Revolutionary War, and was six years and about two months in the service of the United States, and was Honorably discharged at the end of the War. That his discharge was burnt at a time when his House was burnt, and that he is not able to produce any evidence of his services and discharge, except that which he will annex to this statement. He believes the Corps was sometimes called the 3^d Virginia Regiment. That at this time he own only a Horse, a Cow, & calf to support himself and then children – or rather seven children living with him. He states that he is a citizen of Fleming County, and in consequence of his indigent condition asks for the Pension allowed by the act of Congress.

John hisXmark Collins

[Certified by George Muse, pension application S35526.]

State of Kentucky to wit

This day [22 Aug 1818], John Collins, a Citizen of Fleming County & state afores'd. aged about sixty years, appeared before me James Clark a Circuit Judge in & for the state aforesaid, & being by me first duly sworn, did upon his oath aforesaid declare as follows, to wit that he enlisted as a regular soldier in the Company of Capt. John Swan, of the 3^d Virginia Regiment (of light dragoons) under the Command of Col. George Baylor, on Continental establishment; and served the united states, faithfully as a soldier, in the war of the Revolution against Great Britain in the Regiment & Company aforesaid, from the year 1776. the time of his first enlistment, untill the conclusion of peace, – that is to say, for the time of six years & two months; – That Capt Swan having been promoted before the close of the war, the Company was afterwards commanded by Capt . John Hughes untill the close of the war; – & that he received from his Captain, the said Hughes, at the end of the war, a regular & honorable discharge; but which discharge was burnt many years ago, when he had the misfortune of having his barn burnt; – & that he has never recd. from the Government his bounty Land; – nor has he ever rec'd any pension from the United States or any of them; that he is now old & infirm, & in reduced Circumstances & in need of the assistance of his country for support.

John hisXmark Collins

[Walker Baylor, pension application X53, stated that he had been a Captain in the 3rd Continental Regiment of Light Dragoons and was convinced that Collins had served as stated.]

State of Kentucky Sct

On this sixth day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record expressly made so by the laws of the state which created it for the County of Fleming in the state aforesaid John Collins aged sixty two years on the 28th day of August last, residing in the said County of Fleming; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, In Capt John Hughes' Company Col. Geo. Baylor's Reg't. being 3 Reg't. of Light dragoons Virginia troops, as per my original declaration bearing date about the 22nd Aug't 1818 on which declaration a certificate has issued to me and now in my possission No 9410 and dated the 16th April 1819 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed —

One horse creature estimated to be worth	\$40 —
One Table \$6— 4 chairs worth \$1. one wheel worth \$1—	8 —
Flat Irons \$1— Cupboard ware worth \$2—	3 —
one plough worth \$2.50 3 pieces of pot metal worth \$4—	6.50
Two axes and Two Hoes worth	<u>4.40</u>
	\$62.00

I further state on oath that I am by occupation a common labourer without any mechanical art or knowledge, and very infirm and unable to labour, from a weakness across the small of my back, and for months together not able to do scarcely a hands turn. – I have wife by the name of Margaret 52 years old on the 27th of last month and the following children towit)

Sally Collins born June 12th 1803

Levi Collins born August 15th 1805

Margaret Collins born Nov'r. 22nd 1807

That my wife is a cripple from having her back, thigh and three of her ribs broken from a fall from a horse many years ago. My son Levi is subject to the Rheumatic pains, and is a very weakly boy, my two daughters are healthy as usual, and further that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country, in a suitable manner for a person or family to live in christian land.

John hisXmark Collins

NOTE: On 7 June 1839 Margaret Collins, 72, of Rush County IN, applied for a pension stating that she married John Collins in Westmoreland County PA on 7 March 1786, and he died on 21 Jan 1828. She referred to James Collins, her eighth child, who stated that he was born on 7 May 1801, as shown in his family record. He stated that he had six brothers and sisters older than himself still living. On 5 Feb 1840 Elisha Collins, age 49 on 8 Feb 1840, also made a declaration supporting his mother's pension application, stating that his oldest sister still living was Elizabeth Graham, aged 51 on the previous Nov 9. Elizabeth Graham made a similar statement. Elsewhere it was stated that Elizabeth Collins had previously married George Laurens. A typed summary includes the following additional information from various documents:

Margaret Collins born October 27, 1768

John Collins, sixth child, born in 1799

Polly Collins married a Laurens.