

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Coiel (Coile) S31624

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Georgia, Madison County: Inferior Court July Term 1824

Personally appeared in open Court James Coile who resides in the State of Georgia Madison County being duly sworn saith that during the revolutionary War he served in various capacities of second and first Lieutenant and as a Captain in the Sixth Regiment of riflemen of South Carolina line and commanded at that time by Thomas Sumter; that he entered the said Regiment sometime in the year 1776 as a second Lieutenant; that in the space of fifteen months he was promoted to the rank of first Lieutenant and shortly afterwards to that of Captain but the time of either promotion he does not now recollect; that he was in the battle of King's Mountain at which time he was wounded in the leg; also had the Command of the guard at the time of the Battle on Sullivan's Island; that he continued in the Sixth Regiment till shortly before the capture of Charleston by the British; that he afterwards joined General Sumter near Salisbury North Carolina and served with him in various capacities till the end of the War; this deponent further saith that he resigned his Commission of Captain and gave it to Wade Hampton who was then paymaster of said Regiment to deliver to William Henderson who was then a Major in said Regiment; that he has now lost his Commissions of second and first Lieutenant and has no other method of establishing the facts contained in this affidavit than his own oath and other testimony herewith transmitted; this deponent further saith that he is so reduced in circumstances as to stand in need of the aid of his Country of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and at I have not since that time by gift, sale or any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to so diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the revolutionary War passed the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820 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:

200 acres poor land third quality

one horse

one year old heifer

4 head sheep

five head hogs

one pot

one oven

some small household furniture exclusive of bedding and clothing and a few plantation tools;

the deponent further states that the above property is subject to a Judgment of upwards of \$80 which this deponent became necessarily indebted; that he is by occupation a farmer; that he is now so old and infirm as not to be able to pursued it; that he has a wife 64 years of age and his wife's sister named Margaret McGrady about 61 years of age and that this deponent is now 73 years of age and that his

wife is infirm and palsied. Sworn to in open court this 5th June 1824.

S/ Allen Daniel, J. I. C

S/ James Coiel

S/ Boseman Adam, J. I. C.

S/ James Eberhart, J. I. C.

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George of Madison County: Superior Court October Term 1819

Personally came into open Court James Hanna who being duly sworn to which that he was acquainted with James Coiel [sic] during the revolutionary [war] and Captain Wade's Company of the sixth Regiment of Riflemen commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumter, that the said James Coiel acted at the time this deponent knew him as a first or 2nd Lieutenant or perhaps in both stations in the years 1776 and 1777. This deponent further saith that the said James Coil [sic] acted as Lieutenant as well as deponent recollects about sixteen months, that he afterwards knew him as a Captain in the same Regiment but how long he served in that capacity this deponent does not recollect.

Sworn to in open Court this 9th day of October 1819

S/ James Hanna, X his mark

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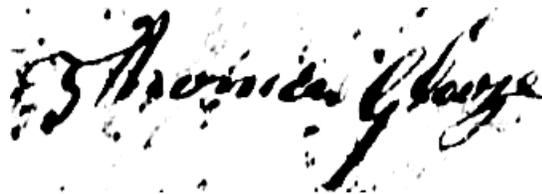
Georgia Madison County: Thomas Glaze¹ came personally before us and after being duly sworn saith that he is and was well acquainted with Lieutenant James Coiel in the old Revolution and that he knew the said Lieutenant James Coiel to have served for the space of fifteen months in the Regular service at which time I the said Thomas Glaze was discharged but said Lieutenant Coiel continued in service and that he the said Thomas Glaze served under the said Lieutenant James Coiel during the said time of fifteen months.

Sworn to and subscribed to before us this 14th day of August 18 and 19

S/ John Cleghorn, JP

S/ Thomas Glaze

S/ Charles Polk, JP



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State of Georgia, County of Hall

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Injustices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a court of ordinary James Coile a resident of the County of Hall and State of Georgia aged eighty-two 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 act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the Service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the service as a drafted militia man in the year 1775 (the day and month not recollected) under General Richardson [Richard Richardson] in a company commanded by Captain Wade [George Wade]. This was a three months tour and at the end of which time he was discharged. The next year he again entered the Service as a second Lieutenant in the volunteer Company commanded by Captain Wade and was discharged from said Service at the end of three months at Charleston South Carolina. He next entered the Service for fifteen months as a Second Lieutenant Still under Captain Wade and during that service towards the end of the time was promoted to first

¹ [Thomas Glaze S10748](#)

Lieutenant and was discharged therefrom at Tacaw [?] on Santee River near Nelson's ferry South Carolina. He then joined the Continental Service in the South Carolina line in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] who was shortly thereafter promoted to the office of General as a Captain in said Regiment and served about eleven months in that Service. I was well acquainted with Major Brown, Captain McLinton, Captain Taylor, Captain Duff, Captain Risbow [?] & Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] who commanded the Regiment to which I belonged after Sumter was promoted. I had command of the guard on Goat Island at the time of the Battle at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island; was at a battle with the Cherokees at Black hole, at Rocky Mount with the British and Tories, at Hanging Rock and King's Mountain in which last engagement he was wounded by having his leg broke and never rejoined the Army as before he was able to do so the battle at York town had been fought and he thinks the war ended; resigned his commission to Colonel Henderson in Charleston by delivering the same to Wade Hampton then paymaster of the Regiment; that he has no documentary evidence. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State. In that he knows of no person whose testimony he can now procure who can testify to his services.

S/ Thos. S. Tate, J. J. C

S/ James Coile, X his mark

[James Rylee, a clergyman, and B. R. McCutchen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court in & for said County James Coile who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. In the year 1775 I entered the service as a private drafted militia man under the command of Captain George Wade & was attached to Colonel Dickson's Regiment and joined the Army under General Richardson and marched to Hollinsworth's Mill on Rayburn Creek in the State of South Carolina. We remained at that place 2 or 3 weeks during which time the scouting parties belonging to our Army brought in a considerable number of Tories which they had taken as prisoners and amongst the numbers was a Colonel Fletcher [Thomas Fletchall] and a Colonel Billy Wofford. We were then marched towards the high hills of Santee but our term of service having expired before we reached the Hills we were discharged by General Richardson. I returned home having served 3 months.

In a few months after getting home Captain Wade turned out and raised a volunteer company into which company I volunteered and was elected by the company 2nd Lieutenant and served a tour of three months but for which service I only claim the pay of a private soldier as I was not commissioned. I think Colonel Richardson had command of this Regiment.

Shortly after the end of this service Captain Wade raised a company of fifteen months [men] of what was called the provincial State or Continental troops. I joined his company and immediately after reaching head quarters I received from Captain Wade a 2nd Lieutenant's Commission and was attached to Colonel Sumpters Regiment. We marched up the Country from Charleston to where General Williamson lay and joined his Army. We then marched to a place called the horseshoe or hell hole by some called the Black hole situated in the Cherokee nation at which place we had a severe engagement with the Indians and succeeded in driving them and remained on the ground that night; we then marched to the Valley Towns and burned them & cut the corn. We then returned to South Carolina and build a stockade Fort near Rayburn's Creek called Fort Ripley from this place I was marched to Charleston and had command of the guard on Goat Island at the time of the battle at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, after the battle I was marched to Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River remained there three months and then marched to a place on Santee River called Tocaw and was there discharged. I received a first Lieutenant's commission after the battle at Charleston which I held three months and they had previous to receiving it acted in the capacity and under commissioned of 2nd

Lieutenant twelve months.

Shortly after returning home I joined Colonel Sumter's Regiment in the South Carolina line called the 6th Regiment of South Carolina Riflemen in the Continental Service. I was appointed Captain of a company and immediately after joined head quarters at Charleston received a Commission from Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] who had just been promoted from Major; Colonel Sumter was also promoted about the same time to General this was a tour of eleven months during which I remained at Charleston & Haddrell's Point and nine months of the time held a Captain's commission and at the end of the term I resigned my commission to Colonel Henderson by handing it to Wade Hampton and returned home.

Sometime after with several others went to where General Sumter lay at Fifers mills [Phifer's Mills] and joined his Army. I was requested by the General Act as adjutant but received no commission and marched to Ramsour's Mills for the purpose of attacking the Tories under the command of a Colonel Moore but the engagement was brought on by a Major Falls before we reached the ground who defeated them but was killed himself from there marched to Rocky Mount had any engagement lost some of our men but could not succeed in dislodging them. We then marched to the Hanging Rock had another engagement and defeated them from there we marched to where Colonel Campbell & Colonel Shelby lay joined them and marched to Kings Mountain. I went into the engagement and received a ball which broke my leg and after some little time was taken off the ground. I was fourteen months in this service and it not being such service as to entitle me to pay agreeable to the Rules and regulations of the War Department have merely stated it in order to corroborate my former declaration. I further swear that for the time during which the service was performed I was not employed in any civil pursuit and for such service I claim a pension.

1. Intr. I was born in Augusta County State of Virginia in the year 1750

2nd I have had a record of my age which is lost

3. I lived in the State of South of [Carolina] about 35 miles above Camden & in the neighborhood of the Waxhaw settlements when called into service. After the war I remained in Lancaster District South Carolina until about 40 years ago when I removed to Broad River Franklin County & State of Georgia and from there removed to Hall County State of Georgia where I have lived about 6 years and where I now live.

I was drafted into the first tour of duty and volunteered into the other tours.

I never received any discharge for my service.

I received a first Lieutenant's commission a 2nd Lieutenant's Commission and a Captain's Commission all of which are lost.

I am acquainted with the Reverend James Riley, Benjamin McCutchen Esquire Andrew McEver Esquire and Jacob Pinkle [?]\

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 2nd day of September 1833

S/ James Dunagan, JIC

S/ James Coil, X his mark

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Georgia Hall County: This day personally came before me John Hamilton² who being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with James Kile [sic] the applicant in the foregoing declaration for the space of about two years during the Revolutionary War during which time he was a first Lieutenant in which capacity he thinks he served about thirteen months and afterwards he was promoted to the rank of Captain in which capacity he thinks he served about eleven months and then resigned his commission he served as a soldier under the said James Kile.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of September 1832

S/ Thomas Dunagan, JIC

S/ John Hamilton, X his mark

² [John Hamilton S37981](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$380 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Lieutenant & Captain in the South Carolina militia and/or State Troops.]